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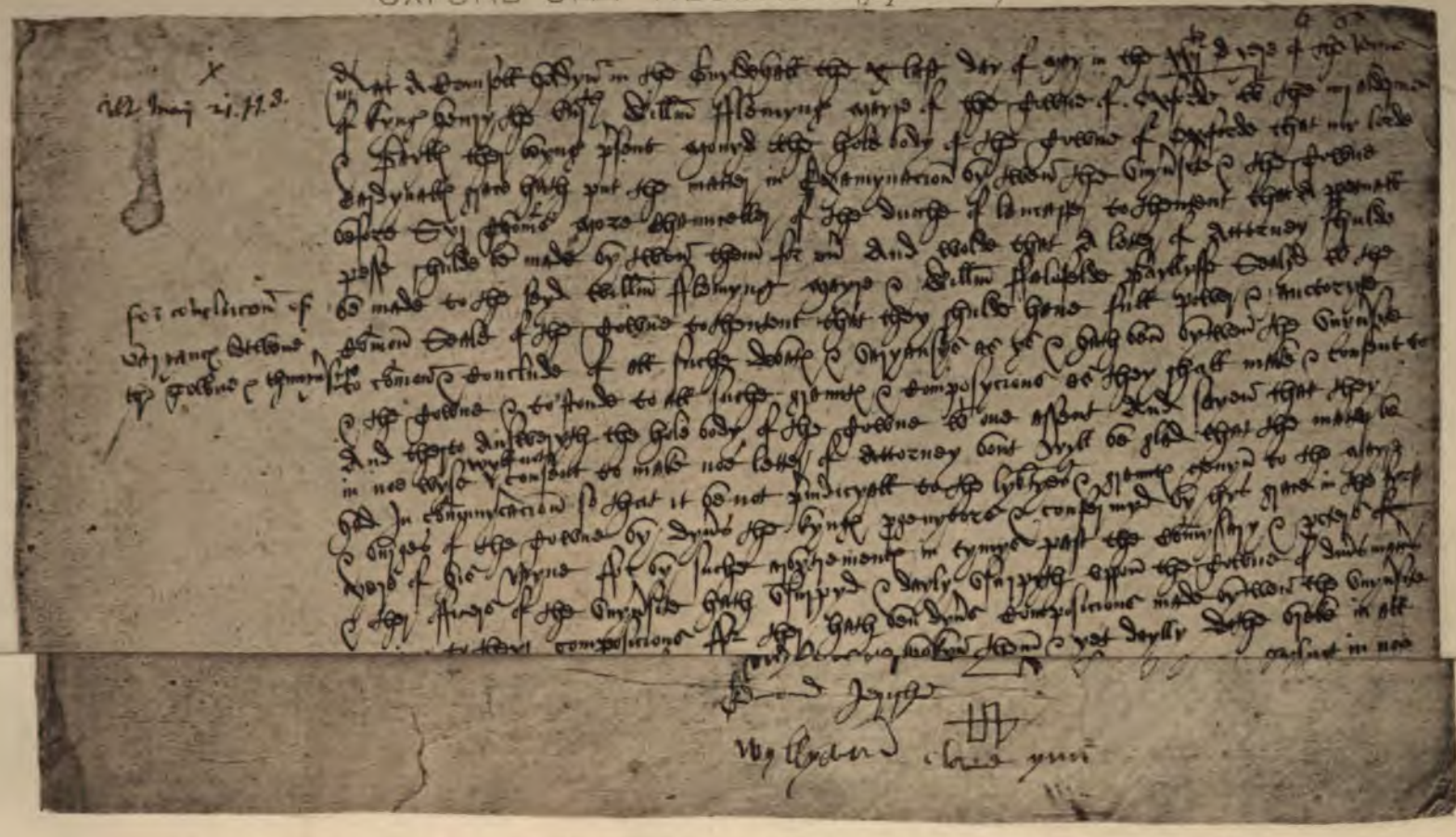

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## FROM THE RECORDS OF

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## Municipal History:

## HENRY VIII. TO ELIZABETH,

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# PREFACE.

THE muniments of the City of Oxford, preserved at the present time in the strong-room of the Town Clerk's Office, are only a small portion of what formerly was possessed by the Corporation. The wholesale destruction of documents, the abstraction of volumes of ancient municipal records, and the general want of all appreciative care in the custodians of the civic archives, are subjects of great regret to the local historian and antiquary. Naturally, this question will present itself, How could these documents have been lost or destroyed? The answer is plain: the Corporation did not possess a muniment-room. The records of the City must from time to time have been removed, first to one place, then to another; now in the personal custody of one Town Clerk, now of his successor; and even, as it appears from this volume, dispersed among the members of the Corporation themselves. Frequently, important documents were required to be produced in the courts in London, for the purpose of furnishing evidence for maintenance of privileges, and it does not appear that security was always taken for their replacement. The documents before the reign of Henry the Eighth, with the exception of the royal charters and grants, being very few, and the first Council-book only containing entries from the year 1519, it was resolved that the present chronological series should begin with the reign of that King. It is doubtful whether before the year 1520 the proceedings of the Council were copied into books, or merely noted upon loose sheets of paper or parchment, of which latter some few examples are still preserved.

While we regret the loss of the earlier records, we must congratulate ourselves that, by a decision of the Council in 1623, admission to search and make extracts from the City records then in existence was granted to that indefatigable antiquary, Brian Twyne, of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and afterwards appointed first Keeper of the Archives of the University, an office established in 1634. This permission to Twyne seems somewhat remarkable, for it occurred at a time when no very amicable feeling might have been supposed

to exist between the University and the City. But it must be remembered that he was engaged in an arduous literary encounter, viz. the attempt to prove a greater antiquity for the University of Oxford than for that of Cambridge; or, in his own words, "Because he is providinge to publish and enlarge a certaine booke concerninge y^e^ antiquity of this place (I meane, of the City and University together), y^e^ honor, dignity, and precedency of both, which he mainetayned at y^e^ last parliament uppon commaunde, and hopeth to receave some light out of the City Recordes, to the better enablinge of him to doe ye like service if neede be, and to justyfy poyntes wherein he meaneth to insist in y^e^ sayde booke by good locall recorde and testimony of y^e^ place. And this is y^e^ summe of M^r^. Twyne's request, whereof he desireth a fayre construction; and that in their advisement in this point, y^e^ right worshipful y^e^ Mayor, and y^e^ rest of y^e^ governours of this City, would be pleased to thinke of it no otherwise then as if a man should request to light his candle by another man's candle, whereby nothinge of his owne light is diminished, and y^e^ other much comforted." The interest which the citizens took in seeing the greater antiquity of their town over the sister University borough of Cambridge, induced them to allow a search to be made among their muniments for any materials that would help him in such a cause. In one of his MSS. he gives a particular account of his admission to the Town Office, and of his search; how that he "perused a great number of old Hustings Court rolls, and others, and some other scattered pieces of paper and parcels that were taken out of a great old mustie standinge chest in the inner roome, and takinge note of such thinges as I lighted upon, and thought fittest for my turn, being of the nature and kind aforesaid, I made them up all into handsome rolls and bundells, and bound them up in white papers severally, with severall inscriptions indorsed upon them of the contents therein, and laid them up in order in certayne hutches and cupboards that stood there on the west side of the outer roome, to the number of about an hundred, as I doe remember."

This room, here described as the scene of Twyne's great labour, must have been that formerly used for the Magistrates' Court; but the hutches have long since disappeared, and the cupboards now only contain some recent sessions'-court proceedings: not a single parcel of Twyne's, and scarcely a single document remains; all have gone.

In his written request for this privilege, Twyne undertook to extract only such documents as would supply material "for a bare knowledge of the history and antiquity of the City, and not with reference to any law cases or points of controversy betwixt the City and University, nor offer to take any note in book or paper of any matter which should be thought prejudicial to the City affairs and liberties; and will be ready to requite the City with the like courtesy upon the like terms out of the University records or elsewhere, whensoever there shall be need, to his power."

Upon the death of Twyne, which happened July 4, 1644, his manuscripts were bequeathed to the University and to Corpus Christi College. Those containing his extracts from the City Muniments now form a portion of the University archives, in the custody of the Rev. Dr. Griffiths, Warden of Wadham College, who has in a most liberal manner allowed unrestricted use to be made of them for the purposes of the present work; and the Editor takes this opportunity of returning his thanks for the kindness.

In addition to the loss of the parcels of documents arranged by Twyne, the city has to regret the removal of the following volumes from their proper custody. The description of them is taken from Twyne's MSS.

(*a.*) A small vellum volume in quarto, known as the small red-book, or Liber C., containing about 150 or 160 leaves. It was one of the most interesting records that the City possessed. It seems improbable that such a book should have been destroyed, but the Editor has not had an opportunity as yet of determining the last reference made to it in the Council-books, and no very clear evidence exists of its being referred to in modern times. In it were entered the liberties and franchises of the City; and it was used in evidence, as several documents testify, in many of the differences in later times between the University and City. It is greatly to be hoped that some day it will be discovered, and restored to the Corporation.

(*b.*) Another volume, known as the collections of Nicholas Bishop, has also been abstracted from the City Muniments. It found its way into Bishop More's library, which was purchased by King George the Third, and then bequeathed by him to the University of Cambridge; and it is now, therefore, in the Library of that University (*Camb. MSS.*, 825).

(*c.*) Twyne also mentions another manuscript volume, in 4to.,

which he describes as having at the beginning the picture of a crucifix and a certain old Calendar. This cannot now be found, nor is any reference to its contents known beyond the few extracts made by Twyne, and interspersed throughout his MSS. It began with a list of the Benefactors to the City of Oxford, ending with the benefaction of John Clerk and Margaret his wife, *c.* 1480.

(*d.*) In the accounts for 1566-7 (p. 320) is a payment of iiij$^{s}$ for the purchase of a book, "and of iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ for the entering the maner of the receavinge of the Quenes grace into the Cytie," into the same. This book is also missing. The visit of Queen Elizabeth to Oxford, in 1566, was a great historical event. She was the guest of the University, and lodged in Christ Church. As a full account of this visit, from the pen of Miles Windsore, has been published in Nichols' "Progresses," the reader is referred to that work for a fuller description than is here given. It would have been interesting to have printed the City record if it could have been found. No notice of this book has been met with in Twyne's MSS.

(*e.*) In the accounts, 1576-7, is an entry (p. 394), "Item, payed to Mr. Ravening for an ansyent booke apperteyning to the Cytie, xx$^{s}$." Mr. Ravening was before this date Town Clerk of the City. No note occurs by which this book can be identified, but there is a reasonable probability that it was the collections of Nicholas Bishop, already referred to.

The Muniments consulted, and at present in their proper custody, are, (*a*) the Liber Albus, (*b*) the books of Council minutes, (*c*) the Council-books themselves, (*d*) the Hanaster books or admissions of Freemen, containing also the Sectatores, and Apprentice indentures, (*e*) Audit books containing the accounts, (*f*) ledgers containing transcripts of leases of the City property.

As is before said, the regular sequence of entries illustrating Municipal history begins in 1519, viz. the 11th year of King Henry the Eighth. There exist, however (*g*), a few loose interesting records before that date, which will be found under the years of that King's reign to which they belong: such entries, with (*h*) the lists of the officials procured from the Lord Treasurer Remembrancers' rolls in the Record Office, London, (*i*) the presentations to the City churches from the Lincoln Episcopal Registers, and (*k*) a few of the Domestic State Papers, have been printed in order to supplement the material for the history of the City which is gathered from the records preserved amongst its own muniments, and also

to illustrate many entries which otherwise might appear uninteresting or obscure.

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It may be said that a more than ordinary interest belongs to the City Records of Oxford; and this for the reason that Oxford stood almost alone amongst boroughs in having a rival power, so to speak, within its walls. Other boroughs have had from time to time to defend their rights and liberties against encroachments of those possessing wealth and power, but however potent the antagonist might be, a borough could offer a resistance with far greater chance of success in most cases than when that antagonist was side by side with it, and when each day brought his claims into immediate contact with its own.

In the case in hand the antagonist was the University; a Corporation not so ancient as that of the City, yet having obtained so great an influence and so world-wide a reputation, that it had come to be looked upon and believed in as of greater antiquity than the City itself; and just at the time when this series of Records begins, it was under the special patronage of Thomas Wolsey, the Lord Chancellor of England, whose influence with the King and his Council was almost unparalleled.

The charter, granted in 1523 at Cardinal Wolsey's direct request, to the University, did more than merely extend the powers of the Chancellor and Scholars of the University. It virtually placed the greater part of the City at their mercy. For although the only persons who, by the charter of Edward III., were to enjoy the privilege of the University, were the "beadles, stationers, manciples, and cooks," (p. 17,) the privilege had been gradually extended to all trades and all ranks. The extraordinary favour shewn by this charter to all these privileged persons was of course calculated soon to bring the whole City beneath the sway of the University; while the freedom from the Mayor's jurisdiction was open to grave abuses such as are exhibited in the Articles presented by the City in 1531 (p. 95):—

"Item, whereas it is granted to the said Mayor and Burgesses to have cognizance of all pleas real and personal within the precincts of the said Town, the Commissary and Proctors do now hold plea of temporal matters before the Commissary of the said University, and determine the same matters without any due course or process

of the common law of the land; inasmuch that if any that pretend to have privilege of the University do any trespass, or owe any money, to any inhabitant of the said Town, the Commissary useth to commit to prison the party to whom the debt is owing, or the trespass committed, there to remain until he hath found surety that he shall not sue for his recompense and dewtie according to the King's laws, but only before the same Commissary, contrary to the common laws of this realm and divers statutes provided in that behalf."

But perhaps the most overwhelming clause of the whole, as regards the citizens, was the 15th of Wolsey's charter, thus summarized by Twyne (p. 35):—

"Item, it is further granted that for any sentence in any judgment, *just* or *unjust*, by the said Chancellor, Commissary, or his deputy, by any of them pronounced against any person, shall be holden good, *whether it be just or unjust;* and for the same sentence, so just or unjust, that neither the Chancellor or his deputy, or any of them, shall not be drawn out of the University for false judgment, or for the same vexed or troubled by any written commandment of the King, or any manner of meane whatsoever, nor before the King's commissioner or his justice in any court, upon pain of £20 as often as," &c.

The opposition to the charter is briefly but tersely exhibited in the two documents (p. 35 and p. 37) here printed. It will be remarked that the originals have not been preserved by the Council, and that we are dependent upon Brian Twyne for the copies.

This may be said to be the beginning of the great controversy. Before that time we have traces of the favour shewn by the Crown to the University, e.g. in 1513, when the Colleges, Halls, Hostels, and other places of the University are made exempt from the subsidies charged upon the town of Oxford, and the citizens had therefore to bear the whole burden. On the other hand we see, in 1516, how jealous the University were of their own privileges, when the City Bailiffs were rigorously pursued for empanelling "persons privileged of the University." Grievances which heretofore had only occasioned a slumbering jealousy, drove the citizens, after the charter was obtained, to acts of hostility and retaliation.

In 1527 the City Bailiffs directly refused to summon a Jury under the new terms, and they were consequently imprisoned. In 1529 articles were drawn out and exhibited to Cardinal Wolsey as Chan-

cellor of England, by the Chancellor and Proctors of the University; and subsequently a writ was issued to enforce the University Charter, and for the appearance of the Mayor and Corporation to answer a suit in Chancery.

The same year we find that the University, not being able to obtain the assistance of the Bailiffs, ordered the Bedels to summon a Jury for their Leet, but, as appears by the proceedings a month afterwards, the City Bailiffs closed the door of the Guildhall, so that the court thus summoned could not be held. Later on, that is, May 31st, it was proposed to submit the matter to arbitration, Sir Thomas More, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to be the Arbitrator. But the City perceived their danger, and unanimously refused it, and the minute somewhat tersely gives the reason: "ffor by suche arbytrements in tymys past, the Comy'ssary and Procters, and ther officers of the Unyversite hath usurpyd, and dayly usurpyth uppon the Towne, of div's matt's contrary to theyr composicions." (p. 64.)

Many documents have been preserved detailing the several stages of the struggle. The Mayor refused to take the oath, and in January, 1530, proceedings were accordingly instituted against him. In May, 1530, the two Bailiffs were cited and punished for having closed the doors of the Guildhall against the University, when they would have held a court; and in August further proceedings were taken in the University Court against the Mayor, for refusing to obey the summons of the deputy of the Commissary.

This Mayor was Michael Hethe. From the time when he was Councillor, i.e. in 1518, his name will be constantly met with in these pages. He was a brewer, living in Slaying Lane, now called Brewers-street. He seems to have been the moving spirit of the opposition, taking the front place, and suffering the consequences. The dispute is graphically told in the records and depositions which we possess, and these again we owe chiefly to the patient industry of Brian Twyne.

On August 3, the Mayor was commanded to appear at St. Mary's Church on the 5th, to answer certain articles why he should not be declared perjured and excommunicate: his answer to the messengers, prompted by his local patriotism, was couched in very spirited terms: "Recommend me unto yor master, and shewe hym I am here in thys Towne the Kyngs graceis lyvetenaunt for lacke of a better, and I knowe noe cause why I shulde appere before hym,

I know hym not for my ordenary. Yf ther be any cause concernyng betwen the Universite and the Towne, I wylbe glad to mete hym at a place convenyent, which was assignyd by my Lorde and Suffolks grace." In consequence of this reply proceedings were continued.

On August 5, 1530, he was cited to appear before the deputy of the Commissary in St. Mary's Church, and the charge against him is then stated, "In causa violationis privilegiorum." The Senior Divinity Bedel was the first witness, and his evidence, of which we have unfortunately only the Latin version, says that he cited the said Michael personally to answer why he did not observe the liberties and privileges of the University, to which "expresse et pertinaciter respondisse se non fuisse aliquem ex pueris domini Commissarii;" and upon further interrogation, "respondisse se nolle venire sed negotia aliunde expedienda habere." (p. 70.) The Court, therefore, pronounced him contumacious, and sentenced him to be excommunicated.

The same resolute manner was evinced by him after this sentence; for we find that the Junior Law Bedel certified that he brought letters of excommunication against Michael Hethe, but when he gave them to Mr. Pottrel, who was then acting for the Rector of St. Ebbe's, the Mayor, who was present, ordered Mr. Pottrel out of the church, so as to prevent the reading of the letters (p. 71). It seems, however, that on the Sunday Mr. Hammon, acting for the Rector of St. Ebbe's, did read the articles of excommunication, and the same day they were read by the Vicar in All Saints Church. On the 31st Hethe demanded absolution. The record states that he humbly asked it, but the proceedings show there was no great humility in the Mayor, for when the condition of "de stando juri et parendo mandatis ecclesiæ" was the condition upon which absolution would be granted, the records add, "quod dictus Michael expresse facere recusabat," but, nevertheless, he was absolved. From the evidences at hand, it would appear that his departure from Oxford was only temporary, having continued in the Council of the City until his death, which happened 1542, when he was buried in St. Ebbe's Church [a].

Before the end of the year we find the Petition of the Town made direct to the King against the acts of the University. The complaint sums up the proceedings above referred to thus: that

[a] "Rec'd for y^e burying of M^r. Heth . . . . . ."—*St. Ebbe's Church Accounts*, 1541-2, *Wood's MSS.*, D. 2, p. 344.

one Martin Lindsey, the Chancellor's deputy, has caused the Mayor of the town to be openly denounced and publicly excommunicated in every parish in Oxford; and has also denounced, and published all them to be excommunicate and accursed, which should eat, drink, or company with the said Mayor, "by reason wherof the sayd Mayor, avoydyng of further inconveniens, avoydyd forthe of the sayd Towne," (p. 79.)

The Petition also complains of the action of John Cottesford, Commissary of the University, who had compelled William Flemyng, when he was Mayor, to come and answer upon oath "dyvers questions concernyng the Kings lawday, with dyvers other questions not convenyent to be to hym disclosed."

Several pages follow, containing the complaints of the City against the University, and the answers made to them by the Commissary. They are not only of interest, narrating as they do the chief incidents in the story of a hardly-fought battle, but they are of value for giving an insight into many of the laws and customs connected with the jurisdiction of a borough which could not be easily found elsewhere; for they bring into prominence the principles of municipal government, as then understood and contended for in this country.

It is only necessary to briefly refer to the documents connected with the continuation of the struggle. In order to compel submission on the part of the City, various means were resorted to. In 1533, the Mayor and other citizens, to the number of twenty, were discommoned, so that "no schollar, nor none of their servants, should buy nor sell with none of them, neither eat nor drink in their houses, under payne of for every time so doing to forfeit to the Commissary of 6$^{s}$ and 8$^{d}$."

It is not remarkable that both bodies should be weary of this never-ceasing turmoil and variance, which had continued for nearly twenty years. In December, 1542, a reference was made to certain arbitrators to end the controversies, the effect of which was that Wolsey's charter, on the petition of the University itself, was repealed, and Dr. Tresham, the Commissary, gave his personal bond on behalf of the University for a thousand marks to the King, that the University would not claim any liberty or benefit from the said charter, which was declared wholly repealed. From this date until the accession of Elizabeth, other disputes were occurring constantly between the two bodies, yet the records are very scant as to the cause of them. We know from subsequent history that the oath was not

taken. This, as Twyne says, was only slumbering, because the University had no Chancellor of sufficient power to represent their interests at Court. Perhaps it was for this reason they elected the Earl of Leicester, and in him they found a willing and powerful friend to aid them in regaining certain privileges and franchises which, as they maintained, were only in abeyance. This led to another opposition on the part of the City, but the tone and temper of the citizens had changed. It was not such a feeling as was encountered in Henry's days. References were being constantly made to the Privy Council, both the Mayor and Vice-Chancellor being respectively cited to answer complaints exhibited against each other. The University procured an Act of Parliament passed in the 13 Elizabeth, c. 29, by which they obtained a confirmation of the letters patent of 1523—the same charter which had excited so much opposition, as we have seen—but at the same time with a saving clause of all the liberties of the Mayor and Town. This clause opened again the old wounds, and each body relied upon their charters and grants in support of various acts of aggression, whereby each other's liberties had been infringed. In the 17th of Elizabeth, upon a report from Mr. Justice Manwood and Mr. Justice Monson, to whom the differences were delegated, a series of orders were promulgated by the Lords of the Privy Council, intending to set at rest the disputes between the two bodies for ever. This, however, did not take place. The opposition at this time was led by one William Noble. He lived in the house known as "Le Swynstock," in St. Martin's parish, which two centuries before was occupied by John de Bereford, and in which the riot on St. Scholastica's day had its beginning. Smarting under the sting of a false imprisonment, Noble commenced suits in the Star Chamber against the University, and presented petitions both against that body and the Mayor and citizens. These documents speak for themselves. He afterwards became Member of Parliament for the City, and dying in 1593, was buried in St. Martin's Church.

But throughout these struggles for the supreme authority in the Town, there will here and there be found instances of good will, as in the mutual efforts which were made to maintain the grammar-schools of the colleges (p. 196, &c.), and of hospitality, as is shewn by the entertainment given by the City to the Commissary and President of Magdalen College (p. 298).

Passing from such matters as brought the City into contact with

the University, and turning to the history of its own proceedings and functions, we find in the Records here printed very many references illustrating the ordinary routine business of the Corporation.

Of those who accepted the honourable post of HIGH STEWARD, it will be well to note the names of the Lord Williams, of Thame; Francis, Earl of Bedford; and Sir Francis Knollis. Their duties at times must have been of a most trying and delicate nature. It is curious to find the Earl of Bedford coming specially to Oxford to exercise his influence in the appointment of a Mayor, while Sir Francis Knollis is continually engaged in the strifes between the City and University.

The election of MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT does not occupy so prominent a place in these Records as might have been expected, but we have an incidental reference to the refusal on the part of the City to pay William Fleming, Alderman, his costs and expenses, on the ground that at his election he had promised, as others did, to pay his expenses himself (p. 148).

It will be seen that the BURGESSES returned to Parliament were men of the Town, an ordinance having been passed requiring a residence of three years before they were eligible; and when elected, their expenses were by law defrayed by the City.

With respect to the MAYOR, who was annually elected on the Monday before St. Matthew's day, the mode of election being described as "by scrutiny in the house and by the commons," many entries refer to his various duties, the dinners given at the time of his election, and upon other occasions, and to the allowance made to him for carrying out the duties of the office.

Oxford had customs in common with those of London, and it was compulsory that our Mayor should be formally admitted to his office by the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster, before he could exercise jurisdiction within the City. We have one or two references to this custom on pp. 309, 311. The citizens met the new Mayor, on his return from London, at the Trinity chapel without Eastgate. In the earliest times this admission was made by the Crown in person, but in consequence of the absence of the sovereign from the kingdom, the citizens of London were put frequently to great expense before their Mayor could be admitted. To obviate this, in the first instance the duty was delegated to the Lieutenant of the Tower, but afterwards by charter to the Barons of the Ex-

chequer. The present admission of the Lord Mayor of London is a ceremony identical with that for the admission of the Mayors of Oxford. This Mayor's day in Oxford had an ordinance regulating its observance. Twyne extracted it from the small Red-book, before alluded to as being lost. It is as follows :—

"[1491.] Here followeth undre what forme any Mayre, when he come home fro London, shalbe receyved at y^e^ Trinitie chapell.

"First, y^e^ crier of y^e^ court must goe before all y^e^ company.

"After him y^e^ commons, in their liveries as they be assigned to weare.

"After y^e^ commons must goe y^e^ constables of y^e^ south-west and north-west wardes.

"After them y^e^ Common Counsell.

"Then y^e^ Constables of y^e^ north-east and south-east wardes.

"Then such Chamberlayns as be in y^e^ Baylives liveries.

"After them all y^e^ Baylifs, y^e^ yonger first, and so orderly as followeth, as it was ordered in y^e^ 6 yeare of y^e^ raigne of K. Henry y^e^ 7^th^, in y^e^ time of Rich. Hewes, beinge Mayor of the Towne of Oxford.

"And then shall come ye mynstrells, and then the Bayliffs' Serieants, y^e^ Towne Clerke nexte after, and y^e^ Mayor's Serjeant with him; and then y^e^ Baylives newe chosen, bearinge in their hands 2 white longe rodds; that time being Bayliffs of Oxford William Wotton, David Dyer.

"After them y^e^ Mayor and his 2 followers, that time beinge Mayor Rich. Hewes; then the Aldermen, and such as followeth, or ought so to doe."

With respect to the BAILIFFS, who were annually elected on the same day and in the same manner as the Mayor, from those who had been Chamberlains, to them belonged the duty of providing for the fee-farm rent of the Town, for which they had to account at the Exchequer. They also had the custody of offenders, and numerous other duties, details of which will be found by turning to the references given in the Analytical Summary of the Contents of this volume. We have already seen how that, in the early stages of the controversy between the City and University, they personally had to bear imprisonment and discommoning for carrying out the orders of the Council.

The CHAMBERLAINS were elected out of the twenty-four Common Councilmen on the 30th of September, in the same manner as the

Mayor and Bailiffs. Their duties were various, but they were chiefly responsible for keeping of the Accounts of the City. These Accounts before the reign of Queen Mary are unfortunately lost, but many of the entries from that date are of interest.

Amongst the expenses charged in these Accounts (p. 258) will be found the costs of making a cucking-stool, and at p. 284 are certain sums of money laid out upon its repair. This simple ducking was not sufficient, for by an entry (p. 403) the Chamberlains are ordered to have one made on wheels, "that it may be drawn from place to place, to punish such women as shall undecentlie abuse any person of this Cytie by words;" which order was carried out, for they charge a sum of xxiij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$ in their Accounts as the cost for it.

Mention is also made in these Accounts of the stocks (pp. 411, 435, 438), pillory (p. 258), and cage, as also the costs of making four posts for the market-sharpers and tricksters (p. 257). The cage was ordered to be removed by the Mayor and Council, but was replaced by the University. In a demise from the abbot of Oseney to Robert Stratford of a tenement called Marchalsyn, in the parish of St. Michael's at the South-gate, 7 Hen. IV., it is said to be situated opposite to the pillory.

In these Accounts also will be found many curious items of expenditure which illustrate the sports and pastimes of the people, as also the gifts bestowed by the civic functionaries upon those noblemen and foreigners who honoured the City with their presence. In two instances the various items of civic feasts are wholly printed, and some of the gifts of wine and gloves are selected as examples out of very many occurring in these Accounts. It would seem, in Oxford as elsewhere, to have been thought necessary to court the approbation of the great and powerful by presenting some gift. Grants were always being made to the Mayor and others, of gloves, wine, sugar, or money for this purpose; not omitting the example of Queen Elizabeth herself, who had forty angels in a gold cup presented to her. It was the usage of society, and the means adopted for approaching the great. The payments made to those under royal patronage, viz. the Queen's bearward, the Queen's minstrel, the Queen's players, and the Queen's jester, suggest the various forms of amusement adopted by our ancestors. Several references to these sports will be found in the Index, under the words, Bear, Bearward, &c. The Queen's jester is mentioned, but his name is omitted.

In addition to payments to the Queen's players, there are entries shewing that others were rewarded by the City, viz. those under the patronage of particular noblemen, who protected them in their occupation. The players of the Lord Dudley, the Earl of Oxford, my Lord of Warwick, the Earl of Leicester, and the Countess of Essex appear in the Accounts. The amount paid to them never exceeded 10*s*., although in the early Accounts they were generally treated by command of the Mayor. Their performances did not call for any special legislation on the part of the Town, at least we may fairly conclude so from the absence of evidence, until the year 1580, when a resolution is passed forbidding the letting of the Guildhall to players without the consent of the Council.

Another series of expenses annually charged, and which may be classed with the above, was that for Swan-upping, or, as it is called at the present day, Swan-hopping. This was the annual visit of the King's Swan-herd, or his deputy, for the purpose of taking up the swans and marking them. Swans were used as food at the civic banquets, and amongst the conditions of the lease was the reserving a certain number of fat swans against Election Dinners, as will be seen at pp. 379, 397. They also form one item in the new year's gift to the Lord Williams of Thame, the High Steward in 1555, two of them costing the City 20*s*. (p. 258).

The twenty-four COMMON COUNCILMEN were elected out of the citizens at large on the 30th of September.

The office of KEY KEEPERS is mentioned. They had charge of the Common Chest of the Corporation, and consequently had at stated terms to deliver their accounts.

The ALDERMEN are not frequently mentioned as a body, although the lists of the names of those who served the office are on the whole well preserved. The TOWN CLERK and other officers are also occasionally mentioned. Amongst the latter the Keeper of Bocardo may be noted; and a ready reference to the information given concerning each, as well as that concerning the High Steward, the Recorder, the Members of Parliament, the Mayor, the Bailiffs, and the Chamberlains will be found in the Analytical Summary of the Contents. There are also a few orders respecting Elections generally, which are not unworthy of attention.

The entries relating to the procedure with respect to the FREEDOM of the City are somewhat numerous. The right of the Mayor to make his son a freeman on payment of a gilt penny (pp. 202, 272),

and the extension of this privilege in those cases where he had no children (pp. 342, 404), are customs to be noted. The responsibilities of the Freemen, and the causes of disfranchisement, will be found to be duly illustrated.

The HANASTERS, or admissions to the Freedom of the City, are almost complete from the earliest date of the Council-books; the lists contain the names of those who either by purchase, birth, or apprenticeship were admitted into the merchant guild. Those whose admissions were recorded in the Council-books were made free by direct order of the Council.

With regard to the JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, the Analytical Summary prefixed to the volume exhibits a large number of cases which appear to be brought before the Council for using improper language or other misbehaviour; but besides the entries in the books there are depositions, lists, and other documents which may be classed under this head. Amongst the latter, those perhaps of especial interest are the references to the street disturbances between the scholars and townsmen. There appear to be no great outbursts such as that of 1263, when the Portreves closed Smithgate, nor of the still more serious affray on St. Scholastica's day in 1354. But while the rulers were contesting their privileges, and fighting with charter and petition, the subjects of each were occupied at times in contests of a very different character. It is curious to observe how in the depositions the Proctors, the guardians of order, appear as the breakers of the peace. The picture drawn of Edmund Shether, one of the Proctors in 1536, "sitting on a block in y^e^ street afore y^e^ shoppe of one Robert Jennyns, barbar, having a pole axe in his hand, a black cloake on his backe, and a hatt on his head" (p. 136), is very striking.

But several important suits were carried on in connection with PROPERTY in Oxford.

The suit with reference to rights of Port meadow and Cripley mead adjoining, which were claimed by Dr. Owen (who had purchased of the Crown the property of Godstow Nunnery), is frequently referred to; another suit with Magdalen College, respecting the subsidy of fifteenths; and a third with the King's College, the latter chiefly relating to the waters about Rewley and Oseney.

The notes relating to measures taken for promoting the HEALTH of the Town are but few. It will be observed also that in the view of Frankpledge in 1515 (p. 12) many abuses connected with drainage

are reported. In 1541, 1542, and 1578 we have notice of the appointment of a scavenger; and letters in 1518 and 1582 refer to the fairs being postponed on account of infection. For the letter (p. 429) concerning the precautions for preventing the spread of the plague, the Editor is indebted to the courtesy of the Corporation of London, for sending him a copy from their own records. It is somewhat singular, perhaps, that we do not find in 1577 any notice taken in the existing books of the fearful mortality at the "Black" assizes, as they were called, of that year (p. 391). But in 1582, when the plague was again feared, the City set about in right earnest to rid itself of the nuisances that infested it. The ordinances issued that year regulating the sanitary life of the citizens were wise and necessary, and not very different to the legislation made imperative in modern times (p. 422).

Of course a very large number of entries relate to the Property of the City, and besides these we have in the *Liber Albus* a number of ENROLMENTS of Charters, and other documents relating to property belonging to individuals, but still, as a rule, either in or near to Oxford; and further, some of the details connected with the dissolution of the abbeys also appear. These, taken together, afford considerable information as to the topography of Oxford, and here and there, from the descriptive matter which is incidentally introduced, enable us to picture to ourselves the Oxford of the reign of Henry the Eighth and of Elizabeth. We are of course much aided in such a picture by the existence of that remarkable Plan of Oxford engraved by Ralph Agas, an original impression of which (and it is perhaps unique) is preserved in the Bodleian Library.

Oxford, with its gates standing,—the North-gate surrounded by the prison, to which, for some cause or other unknown, the name Bocardo (a figure in logic) was given,—its walls nearly perfect (though no doubt more concealed by tenements on the north side than Ralph Agas' map shews); its narrow, unpaved streets; its small and mean houses, seldom of more than one storey; must then have been very different to what it is now. Throughout this series of Wills, Charters, Indentures, and the like, constant reference will be found to old streets, whose names have been partially or wholly lost, such as Fish-street, Northgate-street, Schideyard-street, and Penefarthing-street; and to Halls such as Beef, Black, Bull, Canterbury, Little Edmund, Elm, Glasyn, Greensted, Haberdasher, Knapp, Laurence, Mildred, Postmasters', Shepe, Trill-mill, and Vine Halls.

Again, the regulations respecting TRADE, with especial reference to the Guilds or Corporations, find frequent reference in these pages.

The important Corporation of the Brewers seem to have had their ordinances made by the University; and, as will be found p. 373, a Corporation under City jurisdiction was abrogated by order of the Privy Council.

No Victualler could be Mayor (p. 139); and the title of Victualler was presumed to include Brewer, Baker, Fishmonger, Butcher, Inn-holder, Vintner, and Chandler. Moreover, no man was to occupy two crafts at the same time, except that an Inn-holder might be a Vintner (p. 120).

The references *passim* to the Dame Margaret Northern's chest may be best explained by the following, taken from an ancient Benefactors' Roll of the City, which has been copied by Twyne :—

"Pray for the soul of Margaret Northern, late wife of William Northern, formerly Mayor of Oxford, and afterwards wife of John Otteworth, who left to the aforesaid community £40 arising from the sale of the reversion of her lands and tenements in Oxford, to this intent, that any freeman of the franchise of the Town of Oxford who wished to borrow should be relieved therefrom, so that it should not exceed the sum of £3 under sufficient caution; and for the souls of the said William and John and Simon de Gloucestre, father of the said Margaret and of the said John Otteworth, who was the helper to fulfil the will of his wife."

It has been thought advisable to incorporate under their several dates the PRESENTATIONS to the City Churches. The list is perhaps incomplete, but it contains all the entries preserved in the Episcopal Registers of Linc. and Oxon. For biographical purposes, as well as for fixing the dates to deeds by the signatures, it has been thought that such would be found especially useful.

While, as has been seen, nearly all the Records here published refer to local history, it must not be overlooked that here and there will be found entries which may be said to belong equally to the GENERAL HISTORY of the country. For instance, the Dissolution of the Monasteries is more than once referred to. Besides the mention of the disposal of the property of these establishments, we have other details evidently connected with this event in the depositions of John Parkyns in the Hanaster-books (p. 140), and the removal of portions of the actual fabric of Oseney, including also the "Great Tom bell" from Oseney to St. Frideswide's (p. 183).

Again, in the Accounts of 1555-6, a payment is made to Robert Allen, the cutler, for certain "daggars and armenyng swords going against the Duke of Northumberland." This payment refers to the Duke's endeavour to place the Lady Jane Grey on the throne in succession to King Edward VI.; it also shews that the citizens of Oxford espoused the cause of Queen Mary. The proclamation against the Earls of Westmoreland and Northumberland, noted at p. 332, for the re-establishing of the old religion, and the release from imprisonment by Queen Mary of the scholars of New College, who had refused to subscribe to the supremacy of King Edward VI., (p. 216) are here noteworthy matters.

But perhaps the principal event, having a general as also a local bearing upon the history of the reign of Mary, was the martyrdom of the three bishops, Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer. Although the custody of these State prisoners was delegated to the Mayor and Bailiffs, there is not found among the City archives more than a single line recording the event, viz. that in the Chamberlains' Accounts at p. 268, where is the following entry:—"Item, for wyne to my Lord Willyams and his retynue at the brynninge of the busshops, iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$." Unless the bond given by Mrs. Irish to the King and Queen, at p. 234, is connected with this subject, this is the only reference. Examination has been made of the various records that would increase our knowledge of the history of this act, and several additional facts have been brought to light. On March 13, 1554, the bishops were removed from the Tower, and placed in the custody of the Mayor and Bailiffs of Oxford. This transfer of custody was made, in order that they might be examined before certain Commissioners appointed from both the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. From the Privy Council-books of May 3 we learn that, the disputations having ended, they were judged by this Commission as heretics; an order was also made that the expenses consequent upon their custody were to be paid.

From the Accounts of the Vice-Chancellor of the University for the month of April, 1554, the following items occur bearing upon this event:—

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| "Item, for gloves given to my Lord Bishop of Worcester | ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| "Item, in wine to the Doctors of Cambridge . . . | ij$^{s}$ |
| "Item, in wine and marmalade at the great disputations . | x$^{d}$ |

"Item, to Mr. Say, Regester, for ingrossing the great process and sentence against Dr. Cranmer, Rydley, and Latimer, heretyks . . . . . xls

"Item, for gloves given at the great disputation to ye Queens ordinary chapleins, to the Vice-Chancellor and Doctors of Cambridge, and to divers other doctors and friends of the University, &c. . . . xxixs viijd

"Item, for Marbeck, for writing of ye disputations *contra hereticos*, sent for by the Lord Chancellor . . . . .

"Item, for binding the book . . . . . .

"Item, given ye poore man yt brought in Shypsides sedytious letters, Dr. Rydleys epistle and aspersions, and his disputations slanderously written . . . xijd."

To make up for the scant reference in the City books which have been preserved, a few documents relating to the part played by the City in this matter have been inserted from other sources. They include an account of the costs and expenses of the imprisonment, extracted from one of the Parker MSS. at C.C.C., Cambridge.

The Queen's proclamation for due order and obedience to the Book of Common Prayer, 1573-4, finds an entry (p. 353); and there are many other proclamations issued, the Chamberlains paying the pursuivant 3*s.* 4*d.* on account of each.

Again, the entries after 1570 plainly shew the development of the Puritan character of the townsmen. Now they assume quite a different tone. Players are restricted; a school for freemen is to be established; a pulpit provided for Carfax Church, and a preacher paid for; the election dinner abolished; the Bailiffs' banquet was to cease; the strict observance of Sundays, Tuesdays, and other days, for attendance at church, will be also noted. Moreover, payments are constantly being made for special services; attendance upon the Mayor when he goes to church is made compulsory, under pain of a fine; and sums are voted for preaching. All these entries shew the tendency to a strong religious discipline, the municipal authorities appearing to exercise almost an ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

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Before the Editor takes leave of his work, he must record his sense of the kindness shewn to him, not only by the Corporation

of Oxford in entrusting the work to him, but also of the liberal way in which they have met his wishes with regard to the carrying of it out; and at the same time to express his conviction that the course they have adopted in presenting their valuable stores of information to all who are interested in historical research, will set an example to other Corporations, and thus add most materially to the means of rightly understanding the Municipal History of the country,—one of the branches of historical enquiry which it may be truly said has not met with the same attention as other kindred matters.

And while conveying his thanks to the Corporation, he must not omit to say how much of the present result is especially due to the zeal shewn by Mr. Hawkins, the Town Clerk. Without that zeal the Editor feels the book could never have been undertaken at all; while he owes much to the care and attention of Mr. Hawkins, who has, during the progress of the work, not only afforded every possible facility for the searching, transcribing, and arranging the documents, but has been ever ready with kind advice and valuable suggestions, of which the Editor has most gladly availed himself, and for which he returns his sincere thanks.

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1510, Nov. 2. *Presentation to St. Ebbe's Church.*

[Sir John Bulcombe presented by the abbot and convent of Eynesham to the church of St. Ebbe's, on the resignation of Master John Gorle.] *Linc. Reg.*

15$\frac{10}{11}$, Feb. 18. *Commission of the Peace.*

W. Archbp. of Canterbury,
William Bulcombe, the Mayor,
Robert Brudenell,
Richard Eliot,
Sir William Rede,
John Eggecombe,
William Besels,
Richard Kent,
George Havell.

*Pat. Roll.*

1511, April 25. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.*

[Sir William [Barton], abbot of the monastery of Oseney, presented by Oseney to the church of Saint Mary Magdalen, on the death of John Haster.] *Linc. Reg.*

1511, April 25. *Presentation to the Chantry of the Holy Trinity, All Saints.*

[Sir John Fishe, chaplain, presented by the Warden and Fellows of New College to the chantry of the Holy Trinity in the church of All Saints, on the resignation of William Palden.] *Linc. Reg.*

1511, June 24. *Carta Georgii Havile.*

[George Havile of Oxon, Alderman, by charter grants to John Heynes, Thomas Walker, George Pickeryng, and Thomas Botell, all his lands, &c., both in and out of Oxford. Dated 24 June, 3rd Hen. VIII.[3]] *Lib. Alb.*, 153 b.

[1511], Aug. 5. *Curious Depositions concerning a Dispute in the Election of an Alderman referred to arbitration.*

Thes byn the words that John Hedde sayd on to John Huscher the v$^{th}$ daye off August in the gꝯyldhall for the elec'on off a alderman.

ffyrst John Huscher askyd off John Hedde then beyng mayer, yeff they shuld not haue ther free eleccon, the mayer answered gꝯen onto the forsayd John Huscher, As thys day y bere here noe rule, than sayd John Huscher on to the mayer John Haynes haue the more parte off the fremen on hys syde, than sayde the mayer I percevyd

suspended by the University from entering church, and afterwards excommunicated for contumacy, in not appearing to the summons of William Fauntleroy, commissary, Sept., 1511. *Univ. Reg.*, f. 148.

[3] Inrolled during the mayoralty of John Broke.

that very well, But my power ys noe power. Wherefore crye no eleccon, and soe wyll y iustyfye a fore the Kyngs grace and hys cownsell, therefore let me departe sayd the mayer. Moreover semys that day John Hedde sayd on to John Huscher that Thomas Foster dyd overtell hymselfe in the gȝyld hall xx^ti voyces; and John Hedde was informed off true and faythfull men than John Hedde beyng mayer, bade John Huscher goe to John Haynes whych had all thes wrongs, and soe he to complayne on to the Kyng and hys cowncell.

To all these p^rmyssys John Husscher wyll take a othe a pon a boke that he hard John Hede speke thes words afore rehersyd.

Thes byn the words that Wyllyam Goodbody hard John Hedde that tyme beyng mayer off Oxford on to hym, John Haynes hathe opyn wrong, that he ys not Ald^rman and thys day ys noe eleccon, and so wyll I testyfye afore the Kyng and hys cowncell.

To all thes premysses Wylliam Goodbody wyll take an othe a pon a boke that John Hedde spake thes words on to hym afore rehersyd.

John Hedde whych was mayer the daye above rehersyd came on to me Henry Busby from the benche in the gȝylde hall sayng thes words unto me, Henry goe to John Haynes and byd hym commawnde hys companye awaye, for thys daye they shall haue noe elecc'on for me, and so byd all hys companye Crye noe elecc'on; and thys wyll y a byde by a fore the King and hys cowncell when hyt schall please the sayde John Haynes to call for me.

And soe I Henry Busby wyll take an othe apon a boke that John Hedde, than beyng mayer, sayd thes words afore rehersyd the day above wryten.

These byn the words that John Hede sayd to Robert Denham, Crystofor Plowȝe, John A price, the day above wreten in the gȝylde hall, departe siris for thys daye ye shall haue noe elecc'on.

To thes words Robert Denham, Xpofer Plowȝ, John a Price wyll take an othe apon a boke that John Hedde sayde thys words unto us the day above rehersyd.

Thes words had John Hede to Master Young and Master Lyson, chapelen to Master Compton, y^t John Haynes had wrong the day aboue wreton that he was not Alderman, and so wyll y John Hede testyfe afore the King and hys cowncell whan hyt shalt fortune me to be callyd for answer.

To thes words I Wylliam Young and I Thomas Lyson wyll take an othe apon a boke a fore the Kyng and hys cowncell that John Hedde sayde thys word unto us.

Thomas Foster desyred off the mayre John Hedde to tell the fremen in the gȝyld hall for thalecc'on off a alderman agen, for they were runnyng hyn and owt, that y^e sayde Thomas cowd not tell them John Hedde commawndyd hym to tell them (Bulcom' and Broke commawndyd the contrary) w^t grete othys; moreover the mayr John Hedde sayd to Thomas Foster that they were men truly told, and alsoe he sayd that hyt was noe elecc'on.

To thes words y Thomas wyll take an othe apon a boke that John Hedde then beyng Mayer sayd these words unto me.

I John Trayford came onto John Heynes the v^th daye off August at nyght, at the commawndement of John Hede than beyng mayre off Oxford, sayng thes words unto John Haynes from master mayr, holde you, holde, for I John Hedde wyll testyfye before a [K]inge that John Haynes had wrong the eleccon daye.

To thys words I John Trayford wyll take an othe apon a boke that y was sent to John Haynes from John Hedde that tyme beyng mayer ye daye above wreten.

Also y John Hayenes off Oxford, required to be delyvered out off the hands off John Heedde my deds whych be in nomber vij, whych John Hede haue wrongfully kept from me John Haynes thys vj ȝere.

Thes byn the words that John Hedde sayd to John Traves, that John Haynes had wrong that he dyd commawnd Falowfeld the taylo^r to loke the gȝlde hall dore, and to kepe the kay that no man schulde cum forthe tyll that he commawnded the ij tryarse in the King's name to tell Hullys parte owt off the dore, ther was by hym that swore by godds blod and by hys harte that they schold be told no more. Haynes was more by xij persons off fremen, whereas off Hullys parte were iij pore scholers that were noe fremen.

By the seing of all thys men, and by John Hede hys owne sayng that y John Haynes had wrong by xij voyces, and bade me make my frynds, and he wolde abyde by hit that there was noe eleccon y^t day; yeff he had not sayd thys words to thys persons afore, and afterwarde came home to my howse ij or iij tymes and sayd the same words unto me, labor to the King and hys cowncell for y wyll testyfye afore the King and hys cowncell, y wold never haue made besynes in thes cause[4].

Now y John Haynes . . . . . pray yow iiij arbitrors to pondre the seying off these credyble men afore rehersyd, whych men as ȝe know very well wold not afferme nor saye the words afore rehersyd w^towt John Hede had sayd hyt unto them, and yeff yow suppose that hit ys not off a truth afore wryten ye may examyne the persons.

[4] This clause was erased after it had been written.

Moreover y John Haynes wyll testyfye apon a boke that synys the eleccon daye, that John Hedde came on to me John Haynes unto my howse apon the back syde ij or iij tymes, sayng thes words unto me, goe labor^r^man onto the King for thow haste wronge that thow art not Ald^r^man, and so wyll y John Hedde testyfye, ffor hit shalbe thyne yeff you wylt labor hit. Therfore y pray you iiij arbitrors remembre my grete wrongs and also my costs, which costs ys above xx^li^ by syde my labor^r^ and payne, which y wold not a taken, yeff y myght have had my ryght for xx^li^, and y am ryght sory to put you to thys grete paynes and labors, howbehyt hit was not my desyre. Wherfore y pray you to leve hyt as ye fownd hit yeff hit plese you, and y shalbe w^t^ you very well content. *City Records.*

1511, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Kent. Presented to the Barons of the Exchequer by John Assheley and John Snowe.

*Bailiffs* { Thomas Walker, Robert Bougth.

*L. T. R. Rolls, 3 and 4 Hen. VIII.*

[1511.] *Election of Recorder.*

[Proceedings in the matter of electing Edmund Bury, recorder, in the room of Richard Hall, deceased, in which the custom of the city of London regulates the proceedings in Oxford.

The electors are decided to be the Mayor and Aldermen of the town, and not the community, as for other civic offices.

Richard Kent, Mayor, William Bulcomb, John Heed, and George Havell, Aldermen, are mentioned.] *City Records.*

1511, Oct. 24. *Presentation to St. Giles' Church.*

[Master John Copland presented by the abbess and convent of Godstow to the church of Saint Giles, on the resignation of Sir Edmund Clark.] *Linc. Reg.*

1512, July 3. *Presentation to the Church of St. Michael at the South Gate.*

[Master Richard Gune, M.A., presented by the prior and convent of Saint Frideswide to the church of St. Michael at the South Gate, on the resignation of Peter Ligham, by reason of an exchange with the church of Newenton Bagpath, Worcester diocese.] *Linc. Reg.*

1512, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Broke[5]. Presented to the Barons of the Exchequer by Robert Denham and John Gelly.

*Bailiffs* { Thomas Shelton, Richard Quarell. | *Chamberlains* { Roger Glover, John Appowys.

*L. T. R. Rolls*, 4 *and* 5 *Hen. VIII.*

1512, Nov. 10. *Inrolment of the Will of George Havile, Alderman, of Oxford.*

Wednesday 10th Nov. 4 Hen. VIII. Alice Havile widow, executrix of the will of George Havile, Alderman, deceased, lately her husband, produced a will proved under the seal of the reverend father in Christ William, by divine permission Archbp. of Canterbury, and sought the same to be inrolled.

In the name of god Amen, the yere of o^r lorde god MCCCCCXJ. the xxiij day of Junii. I George Havile, of the parisshe of seynt Mary Mawdeleyn w^toute the north gate of Oxford, hole and perfite in mynde, make my testament in this wise, ffirste I biqueth my soule to Allmyghty god and my body to be buryed in the chapell of o^r lady of pite w^tin the churche of Mary Mawdelen biforesaide; also I biqueth to the mother churche of Lincoln iiij^d. Also I biqueth to every awter w^tin the churche of Mary Mawdelen aforesaid xij^d. Also I wyll that they the whiche shalbe infeoffed in my bruehouse w^t thappurten'nce in the parisshe of Mary Mawdelen aforeseid, in the whiche I duelle myself at the makyng of this my testament, and also in my house apon Candiche[5a] bifore the austen frers, the whiche is of viij^s of rent, shall pay or do to be paide yerely forevermore to a preest, the whiche after the decesse of me and my wife shall pray at the awter of oure lady of pite aforeseid for the soules of my father, my mother, and me and my wife and all o^r freends and all cristen soules, iiij marcs of lawfull money of england. And of the residue of the money that may be hadde of the rent of the seide bruehouse w^thapp^rten'nces and of the seide house on Candiche, I will that viij^s be spende yerely apon an obite to pray for the soules aforehersed. Also I will that all the residue of money that may be made of the rent of the seide bruehouse w^thappurten'nces and of the seide house apon Candiche beside that aforehersid, be kept for the reparacons of the seide houses if nede requyre, if no then to be used to the profite of the churche of Mary Mawdelen biforeseide. Also I biqueth all my lands

[5] Discommoned by the University because he proceeded in his court against Thomas Bentley, physician, and did not cease when inhibited by the Commissary. —*Univ. Reg.*, G. p. 155.

[5a] *Candiche*, an ancient watercourse running along Broad-street under the city wall.

and tenements lyeng w^t^in the town and lordeship of Whateley after the decesse of me and my wife unto John Parsons of Moche Milton, and to his heirs. All other of my goodes moveable and unmoveable bifore not biqueathed I geve and biqueth unto Alice my wife, to dispose it at her own will and pleasure, the whiche Alice my wife I ordeyn and make my sole executrix. Thies beyng wittnesse, John Prynne, bachiller of Canon, then my curate John Havell, Thomas Walker, George Pykeryng *otherwyse* Smythe, and Thomas Botell, fflecchar. Writen the day and yere biforehersid. *Lib. Alb.*, p. 153.

1512, Nov. 22. *An Award touching the Shoomakers and their Journeymen.*

This is the awarde, arbitrement and jugement of Ric. Millett and John Traves, arbitrors chosen indifferently between John Hynaym[6] master of the crafte of cordeners in Oxford, and all the felowshipp or companye of masters of the same crafte of the one parte, and John Taillor and other jo^r^neymen of the same crafte of the other parte, of and apon all maner of acco'ns, striffs, debates, controversies, and demaunds hadde or moved bitwene the saide parties fro the begynnyng of the worlde unto the 22 day of Novembre A° H. VIII. iiij^to^, gevyn the xxij. day of November the yere aboveseide.

In primis the seide arbitrors awarde that the seide parties shalbe at on for allmaner of maters of variaunce hadde bitwene them bifore the day aboveseid, and in signe an token therof the seide parties by the said John Taillor in the name [of the] jo^r^neymen shall go [to] the warden of the seide masters, and desire hym in the name of all the masters to be goode masters unto them.

Item, the seide arbitrors awarde that wher the warden and masters aforeseid have taken severall acco'ns of trespas agen John Taillor and other the journeymen of the same crafte, of and apon the takyng of a box concernyng the sede occupacion fro the sede John Billman, the warden, as it apperith by acco'ns therof hadde and commensed, the seide masters shall pay toward the costs of the same acco'ns and the w^t^drawyng of the same vj^s^ viij^d^, as shall appere by the records; and the seide jo^r^neymen to pay the residewe, to be taken half bitween them, the other half oute of ther comyn box.

It'm, the same arbitrors awarde that frohensforth the seide box of jo^r^neymen shall remayn in the hands of Ric. Millett, Baylyff of the towne [of] Oxford, for hys tyme beyng baillif ther, and the Towne Clerk of the same towne for the tyme beyng. And if it happen the seide Millett to decesse, or not wyllyng to medle or busy hym self

[6] *Alias* John Bilman.

w$^{t}$ suche maters, that then the box to remayne w$^{t}$ an other Bailly of the same towne, so that he be no cordener, at demaunde allwey of the seide Towne Clerk for the tyme beyng, and the wardeyns of the seide jo$^{r}$neymen for the tyme beyng.

It'm, that the seide jo$^{r}$neymen shall come to gether yerely the Sonday next bifore the feste of Seynt Michaell tharchangell in suche place as they shall thynke most convenient, and ther the seide wardens to make ther accompts bifore the sayde Ric. Millett, Baylly, keper of the seide box, and the Town Clerke for the tyme beyng; and after the accompts so made the seide box w$^{t}$ the money to remayn and rest in the kepyng of the same Ric' for his tyme, or els of a nother Bayly to be chosen as is aforeseid unto the next accompts of the same jo$^{r}$neymen ; provided allwey that if the wardens of the seide jo$^{r}$nymen have nede of any money for the busynes of the seide occupacion, then they to haue such a somme oute of the box as shalbe thought moste expedient for that tyme, as it hath be used among them in tymes past.

It'm, the seide arbitrors awarde that if eny of the seide jo$^{r}$ney[men] have nede of money and wyll borowe eny oute of the seide box, the same jo$^{r}$neyman to have it, so that the same jo$^{r}$neyman or that he receive the same money to bryng a sufficient gage or els sufficient suretye to the keper of the seide box for the tyme beyng, for the payment of the seide money at the next accompts of the seide box.

It'm the seide arbitrors awarde and juge that where certen indentures have ben made, sealed, and delivered bitwen the masters of the seide occupacon and jo$^{r}$neymen of the same, of and apon certen agrements, coven'nts and articles concernyng the seide occupac'on bifore this tyme, y$^{t}$ the same indentures and all the contents w$^{t}$in them to be voyde and of non effect ; and that ther be a newe peyre of indentures made bitwen them by the advise of the seide arbitrors by the feste of seynt Thomas apostyll, and the seide masters and jorneymen and ther successors, to observe and kepe suche covenaunts, articles, and constitucons as shalbe comprised in the same newe indentures, apon the payne of xl$^{s}$ as often as it shall happen eny of the seide parties to breke and not kepe eny of the seide articles so comprised in the seide newe indentures, half to be applied to the use of the Maire and Bailliffs of the town of Oxford for the tyme beyng, and the other half to the use of the parties greved, equally to be divided.

It'm, the seide arbitrors awarde that if eny of the seide parties herafter have to other eny unfittyng words or vile langage for eny mater hadde or moved bitwen them bifore the day of this lande geven, then the partie so doyng to forfeit xl$^{s}$ as often as it may be proved

agen hym, half to the use of the seide Ric. Millett or his successors, keper of the seide box and the Towne Clerk for the tyme beyng, and the other half to the use of the partie greved, equally to be divided. *City Records.*

1512, Nov. 25. *Commission of the Peace.*

John Broke, Mayor,
Ric. Eliott, Sergeant-at-law,
Sir William Rede,
William Besellis,
John Eggecombe,
William Fermer,
Simon Harcourte,
William Bulcombe,
John Hedde,

*Pat. Roll.*

OXON, 15$\frac{1}{3}$, Jan. 4. *In a Roll of Taxations for Subsidies and Tenths and Fifteenths (formerly amongst the City Archives, but now lost).*

An extract of the second whole of the fifteenths granted to our lord the King within the town of Oxford and the suburbs of the same, and paid into the Exchequer on the feast of the Purification of B.V.M., 4th year of Henry VIII.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Of the parish of St. Peter-in-the-east there | 4 | 13 | 4 |
| Of the parish of St. Mary there | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| Of the parish of All Saints there | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| Of the parish of St. Martin there | 12 | 13 | 4 |
| Of the parish of St. Michael North there | 4 | 13 | 4 |
| Of the parish of St. Aldate there | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the parish of St. Michael South there | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the parish of St. Ebbe there | | 53 | 4 |
| Of the parish of St. Peter-le-Bailey there | | 100 | 0 |
| Of the parish of St. Thomas there | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the parish of St. Mary Magdalen there | 7 | 19 | 4 |
| Of the parish of St. Giles | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the parish of Bynsey | | 40 | 0 |
| Summa | 74li | 2s | 8d |
| Of the Chancellor of the University of Oxford | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the chantry of Saint Thomas | | 8 | 0 |
| Of the chantry of Saint Anne | | 20 | 0 |
| Of University College | | 2 | 8 |
| Of the prioress of Stodley | | 4 | 2 |
| Of the abbot of Abendon | | 2 | 1 |
| Summa | 6li | 16s | 11d |

Sum total, £80 19*s.* 7*d.*

Attached to this roll is an indenture made the 12th of January, 4 Hen. VIII., between John Broke, Mayor of Oxford, Richard Kent, William Bulcombe, John Hedde, and John Hull, Aldermen of the same town, of the one part, and John Traves, John Palmer, William Arcles, William Chamber, and Richard Flexney, collectors of the fifteenths and tenths granted to the King within the town of Oxford and suburbs of the same, witnessing that the said Mayor and Aldermen delivered to the said collectors a roll with this indenture annexed, with the separate sums collected, amounting to £80 18*s.* 11*d.*, paid into the King's Exchequer at Westminster.—[*Translated.*]

*Twyne*, xxiii. 464.

15$\frac{12}{13}$, Feb. 22. *Confirmation by the University of certain Ordinances for regulating the Brewing of Beer in Oxford.*

M$^{d}$ that at a court holden in the house of Robert Donham, master of the craft or occupation of brewers in Oxford, the 22 of February in the 4$^{th}$ yere of the raigne of Kinge Harry the Eight, it was enacted, established and statuted for evermore hereafter, that if any bruer of Oxford which hath refused or else hereafter doe refuse to brue, and give over his house by the space of a hole yere, and afterward will take a brue house and bryw againe w$^{th}$in the towne of Oxford and the suburbes of the same, or else if that any bruer in time of derth of malte doe refuse and will not brew, and afterward in time of good cheap of malt will take uppon him to bryw againe, that then the person or persons so taking apon them to bryw shall first make such fyne to the occupation of bruers aforesaide as the hole body of the said occupation or the more part of them shall putt to him, of forfetor and losse of xl$^{s}$ for every borden or brywinge made to the contrary, halff thereof to be applied to my Lord Chancellor of the Universite or his Commissary for the tyme beinge, and x$^{s}$ parcell of the other halfe to the use and profytt of the sayd occupation of bruers, and x$^{s}$ the residue thereof to be applied unto the use of the master and wardens of y$^{e}$ saide occupation for the time beinge. In witnesse whereof, and for more strength and corroboration of the same act hereafter to be had, the sayde m$^{r}$ and wardens of the sayde craft in the name of the hole body of the same craft, have procured the Commissaries seale of the sayd Universite to these presents to be putt, and I William Fauntleroy, d$^{r}$ and Commissary of the Universite aforesayde, at the speciall request and desire of all the seyd bruers to these presents, have putt the seale of mine office. Yeven the xx day of May in the v$^{th}$ yere of the reygne of Kinge Henry the 8$^{th}$. *Twyne*, xvi. 323.

[1512], March 20. *K. Henry 8th Letter excusing the University from contributing towards the Subsidies charged upon the town of Oxford.*

BY THE KINGE.

Trusty and wellbeloved we grete you well, and whereas we be enformed y^t y^e beinge appoynted commissioners for y^e sessinge of y^e subsidy to us granted by speciall act in our last parliament uppon every person of this our realme except such as be reserved by y^e sayd act, be in doubt whether you shoulde charge y^e persons of colledges, halles, hostels and other places of schollers of that our University or no, we lett you wete that here hath bene w^th us Rich. Johnson, who hath on y^e behalf of y^e sayd University declared y^e sayde act in such wise that it is thought to us and our Councell that inasmuch as colledges, halles, hostelles and other places of y^e sayde University be exempt by y^e sayde act by speciall proviso, that as well y^e persons resiant w^thin y^e places ought in like wise to be exempt, wherefore we will and commande you no further to charge y^e sayde schollers, but to suffer them to enioy y^e benefitt of y^e proviso conteyned in y^e sayde act accordingly as you tender our pleasure. Yeven under our signet at our mannour of Grenewich y^e xx day of March.

To our trusty and wellbeloved D^r Willeford and D^r Dooks, commissioners assigned for y^e sessynge of our subsidy w^thin our University of Oxford, and to either of them.

*Twyne*, iv. 69.

1513, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*[6b],

*Bailiffs*, { William Shosmyth, John Powes.

*L. T. R. Rolls*, 5 *and* 6 *Hen. VIII.*

1513, Sept. 29. *Inrolment of Robert Potiar's Indenture*[7].

M^d quod in festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni regis Henrici octavi, quinto Robertus Pottar ponit se apprentis' cum Thoma Elyngham de Oxon, hosear ad artificium suum erudiendum et cum eo moratur a predicto festo sancti Michaelis usque ad finem terminum novem annorum extunc proxima sequens' et plenar' complend'. Capiendo annuatim vict' vestut' et omnia alia corpori suo

[6b] The mayor's name for this year does not occur on the Lord Treasurer's roll, nor among the city records. Wood, in his list of Mayors, gives the name of John Broke, but does not give his authority.

[7] The above inrolment of an apprenticeship indenture is the earliest found in the city books. With the exception of some few omissions, these inrolments have been continued until the present time, and are most valuable to genealogists, as showing the birthplace of many who afterwards became citizens.

necessaria et duodecim denar' pro salar' suo. Et in fine dicti termin' predictus Robertus percipiet et habebit de prefat' magistro suo xx$^{s}$ sterlingorum et cetera ut patet in Indentura.

*Hannister Book*, p. 400.

1514. *Presentation to St. Giles' Church.*

[Master Robert Dods, bachelor of decrees, presented by the abbess and convent of Godstow to the church of Saint Giles, on the death of John Copeland.] *Linc. Reg.*

1514, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Haynes. Presented to the Barons of the Exchequer by William Shosmyth and John Powes.

*Bailiffs* { Robert Dynham, John Palmer.

*L. T. R. Rolls*, 6 *and* 7 *Hen. VIII.*

15$\frac{14}{15}$, Jan. 16. *Presentation to St. Aldate's Church.*

[Master William Marble, LL.B., presented by the abbot and convent of Abendon to the church of Saint Aldate, on the death of Master John Kyffyn.] *Linc. Reg.*

1515, April 15. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.*

[Master John Gurle, M.A., presented by the abbot and convent of Oseney to the church of Saint Mary Magdalen, on the resignation of William Barton, abbot of Oseney. *Linc. Reg.*

1515, April 26.

OXON. *Visus franciplegii tent' ibidem coram Johanne Heynes maiore Johanne .... Broke et Ricardo Millett Aldermanni ejusdem secundum consuetudinem ejusdem villæ a tempore quo non existit memoria hominum ibidem usitat' 26° die Aprilis anno regni regis Henrici 8$^{i}$ post conquestum Angliæ, 7°.*

1. .... Y$^{e}$ Jury presentith y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ Abbott and Convent of Ruley (c$^{s}$)[8] y$^{e}$ x$^{th}$ day of May .... yere of y$^{e}$ raign of K. Henry y$^{e}$ 8, and many dayes before .... incroched uppon y$^{e}$ Kinges ground lying beside y$^{e}$ high bridge .... buttinge uppon y$^{e}$ Kinges streme rennynge to y$^{e}$ Kyngs castell mylls .... y$^{e}$ same ground have mounded and inclosed to their owne use in exheredation and gret p'iudice and harme unto y$^{e}$ Mayr, Baylliffs, Burgesses, and Cominaltie of y$^{e}$ same towne, and agen y$^{e}$ Kinges peace.

2. Item, the Jury presentith that the said Abbot and Convent doe dayly make sluses out of y$^{e}$ said Kinges comyn streame ronnyng

[8] The fines payable by those in default are placed in parenthesis ( ).

to the said Mills, and turneth the comyn corse of the same water out of his right corse into there severall ground, to the anoyaunce of the King's people.

3. Item, that the Abbot and Convent of Osney (x$^{s}$). The pryor and Convent of Seynt Ffrydeswide in Oxford (iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$). The president and felowes of Mawdelen College (ij$^{s}$). The warden and fellowes of Merton College (ij$^{s}$) do suffer the lane ledyng fro the Este gate of Oxford unto the said Merton College on the north parte to be surroundred and infoundred, to the greate anoyance of the Kinges liege people.

4. Item, that the same warden and felowes of Merton College (iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$) do stopp uppe the comyn golette next the saide College, so that the comyn corse of y$^{e}$ water there may in no wise passe by the same golet, to the grete anoyance of the King's lege people.

5. Item, that the lane betwene the Universitie College and y$^{e}$ prioresse of Litelmore in the parish of Seynt Peter in y$^{e}$ Este is surroundred in the defaute of y$^{e}$ saide prioresse (xx$^{d}$) and maister and felowes of the said college (xx$^{d}$), to the anoyance of the Kinges liege people.

6. Item, that the Estgate of Oxford is surroundred in the defaute of the Chamberleyns of Oxford (vj$^{d}$ viij$^{d}$), to the grete anoyance and hurt of the King's liege people.

7. Item that Richard Barbot (vj$^{d}$), Henry Lirpen (vj$^{d}$), Richard Alcocke (vj$^{d}$), Nicholas Sergent (vj$^{d}$), Willam Sarson (vj$^{d}$), Richard Winslowe (vj$^{d}$), Nicholas Postelet (vj$^{d}$), Richard Carter (viij$^{d}$), L'ginto Zull (iiij$^{d}$), and William Taileor (iij$^{d}$) do use blinde Innes contrary to the statute.

8. Item that William Flemynge (iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$) usith contynually unlawfull mesures, that is to seye, an unlawfull yerde in the grete discyte of the Kyng's liege people.

6. Item that William Hutton (vj$^{d}$), Michaell Clowde (vj$^{d}$), Thomas Hewster (vj$^{d}$), taillor, Thomas Evynwood (iiij$^{d}$), John Person (vj$^{d}$) do use bowling Aleys contrary to the statute[8a].

10. Item that Mighell Cloud (vj$^{d}$) and Ritchard Androwes (vj$^{d}$) do keepe tenysplayes contrary to the statute[8a].

11. Item the Jury presenteth that Robert Dunham (vj$^{d}$), of the George, and Alice Havyle (vj$^{d}$) do stoppe the golet leding from the northgate into the broken hayes w$^{th}$ dung and fylthe, to the grete anoyance of the King's liege people.

[8a] By 12 Ric. II. c. 6, 11 Hen. IV. c. 4, and 12 Edw. IV. c. 3, in the interests of archery certain games, such as "cloish, kayles, half-bowle, handyn and handoute, and quikeboard," were prohibited, under pain of three years' imprisonment. By 33 Hen. VIII. c. 9, the above Acts were repealed, and new penalties enacted against unlawful games, including bowls and tennis, and stringent provisions made for the encouragement of archery.

12. Item that Stephen Carter (ij$^{d}$) doth stoppe up the golet [at] Elme Hall.

13. Item that Mystrys Warden (iiij$^{d}$) and Nicholas Syers do cast there dunge into the King's streme, to the anoyance and hurt of the King's people.

14. Item that William Fforest smyth (ij$^{d}$) doth stoppe up the golet leding fro' Estegate toward Merton College, to the grete anoyance of the King's liege people.

15. Item that the Chamberlaynes (iiij$^{d}$) do stoppe uppe the golet ageynst Laurence hall, so that the comyn corse of the water may not passe, to the grete anoyance of the King's people.

*Twyne*, ix. 73.

1515, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Haynes. Presented to the Barons of the Exehequer by Robert Donham and William Arcles.

*Bailiffs* { John Bele, John Rede.

*L. T. R. Rolls*, 7 *and* 8 *Hen. VIII.*

*Bailiff of the Northgate hundred*, John Royse.

15$\frac{15}{16}$, Feb. 16. *Presentation to St. Clement's Church.*

[Master Richard Wynnesmore, M.A., presented by the prior and convent of St. Frideswide to the church of St. Clement, on the resignation of Sir William Worcestr.] *Linc. Reg.*

1515. *Subsidy payable by the Town of Oxford.*

[Town of Oxford rated towards the subsidy granted to the King by the laity, £72 14*s.* 6*d.*, of which was levied £66 13*s.* 2*d.*

*State Papers.*

1516, Aug. 22. *Commission of the Peace.*

M. Bp. of Llandaff.
Thomas, Abbot of Abingdon.
John Haynes, Mayor.
Richard Eliott, Serjeant-at-Law.
Sir Thomas Fetiplace.
Sir William Rede.
Sir Simon Harecourte.
Sir William Barantyne.
Thomas Unton.
William Fermer.
William Young.
William Bulcombe.
John Heede.
John Broke.
Richard Millett.

*Pat. Roll.*

1516, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Bulcombe. Presented to the Barons of the Exchequer by John Aissheley and John Powes.

*Bailiffs* { Robert Caro, John Austen.

*L. T. R. Rolls*, 8 *and* 9 *Hen. VIII.*

1516, Nov. 8. *Quit-claim of John Dynnell.*

[John Dynnell of Appulton, husbondman, cousin and heir of John Parker late of Great Farington, deceased, quit claims to Richard Crocker of Farington aforesaid all his estate and interest in certain lands in Farington and Westebroke. Dated 8 Nov. 8 Hen. VIII.]

Inrolled at the Hustings' Court held 19 Hen. VIII. before William Flemming, Mayor. *Lib. Alb.*, 155.

1516, Dec. 19. *Proceedings against the Bailiffs for impannelling priviledged persons upon the Jury for the University Leete.*

1. Imprimis præfati Ballivi [John Austen and Robert Carowe] interrogati an erant jurati ad observandum, privilegia, libertates ac laudabiles consuetudines universitatis Oxon, fatentur et quilibet eorum fatetur hunc articulum.

2. Item interrogati an ex antiqua et laudabile consuetudine, Ballivi Oxon tenentur et obligantur ad mandatum Domini Cancellarii vel ejus Commissarii panellare certos legales homines et liberos villæ Oxon, non existentes sub privilegio universitatis, ad inquirendum de forisfactis et aliis quæ injungentur illis ex parte Domini Regis, fatentur ambo.

3. Item interrogati an receperunt mandatum a Commissario ut facerent præfatam panellationem pro anno instanti, fatentur et dicunt quod fecerunt panellationem prefatam.

4. Item interrogati an in eadem panellatione posuerunt Ricardum Wutton et Thomam Pantre universitatis Bedellos ac alias personas privilegiatas quæ nunquam ab antiquo solebant impanellari, fatentur et quilibet eorum fatetur.

5. Ulterius præfati Ballivi interrogati an ex antiqua consuetudine unquam solebant præfati Bedelli et predictæ personæ privilegiatæ impanellari, et respondent et quilibet eorum per se respondet se nunquam vidisse vel audivisse prenominatos Bedellos, aut antedictos personas privilegiatas aliquo tempore impanellari.

Ulterius cum deliberatione super premissis omnibus et singulis iterum interrogati iidem Ballivi fatentur et quilibet eorum fatetur omnia premissa et eorum singula. Unde ex his suis confessionibus et aliis ..... necessariis præfatos Ballivos fecisse contra privilegia et antiquas laudabiles consuetudines universitatis nostræ Oxon. et ex hoc, eos, et eorum quemlibet incurrisse perjurium, et pro perjuris haberi eos declaravimus, injungendo eis pœnitentiam; quam pœnitentiam sic eis injunctam non perfacerunt, et ideo suspensi fuerunt. *Twyne*, xiii. 363.

[1516], Dec. 24. *Letter from the University to an unknown person in London, concerning the opposition of the Bailiffs of Oxford to the summoning of a Leet Jury.*

Ryght Wurshypfull we have humble commendyde, trustynge that yo^r maistershype be in gude helth, y^e whych we shall desyar almyȝty gode long to preserve. Syr to certyfy your maistershype of the estate of our mother y^e universitie, soo hit ys that where hyt hath plesyde our most excellent prince wyth diverse of hys progenetours to have grauntyde us that our Chancelor whatsoever he be, ande in his absence his Commissary, shalbe *solus et in solidum clericus mercati, gardianus assisæ et assaiæ*, ande so two tymys yn y^e yere to kepe a lawedaye there, ponyshynge such as be the transgressours in byeng and sellyng, or other wayes offendyng concernyng vytyllys, to thentent that as well the townysmen as y^e scolars myȝt have all thynges plentufully; In this premisse the townesmen be bownde by graunte of the Kinge to obey, assiste and socoure y^e Chauncelor or his Commissary, wheruppon we have send yn my Lord Chauncelors name by the autoryte of the Kyng 3 precepts syth the beginninge of November to y^e Baylyffes of the towne, that they shuld cause xviij freemen of y^e towne to cumme before my Lord Chauncelor or hys Commissary, but we can have no returne of any precept, ne as they shulde be, ne as they have be returnyd, and that y^e sayd Baylyffes hath confessed before diverse discreet persons of the Universitie wheron thay hath commytted perjury, for the which we have yniunyde them penance, as y^e beerer of thes letters shall more large your ynforme yo^r maistershype, &c. From Oxforth the 24 daye of December.

Your oratours, y^e Commissary, and the Regents of y^e Universite of Oxforth. *Twyne*, xiii. 364.

1517, April 16. *Abstract of a Letter from the University of Oxford to Cardinal Wolsey.*

[Gives an account of a disturbance created on the 16th of April by John Haynes, who is styled *nequissimus civis*, who had armed four turbulent Benedictines and three seculars in order to kill one of the proctors at midnight; for which, after non-appearance upon citation, he has been excommunicated and banished from the community.] *Fidde's Life of Wolsey, Collections*, p. 36.

1517, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Hedde. Presented to the Barons of the Exchequer by John Powes and William Arcles.

*Bailiffs* { John Jynkynson, John Smyth.

*L. T. R. Roll*, 9 *and* 10 *Hen. VIII.*

[1517.] *Petition of the Mayor and Burgesses to the King against the oppressive acts of the University.*

These be the complaint made unto the King our soveraigne Lord's Highnesse by the Maior and yo^r^ Comburgesses of yo^r^ towne of Oxford of great iniuries, wrongs, and oppressions done by the Chauncello^r^, Proctors, and other Scholleres of your Universitie of Oxford unto the said Maior and Comburgesses.

First, where it was ordeyned by Edward the Third, noble progenitor of o^r^ soveraigne Lord that now is at Westminster the xi^o^ day of March, in the yere of his raigne the viij, among many greivous wrongs, trespasses, oppressiones, vexations, and troubles there at that time, shewed unto his Highnes that noe man for that time should enioy the liberties nor the priviledges of the Universitie of Oxford but only clarks and their menyall men and servants, parchment makers, lymnenores, writers, barbors, and other men of office, the which be of clothinge of clerks, the w^ch^ at the time of this composic'on were understood none other but beedles, the stationers, manciples, and cooks. And further more, where that many of them of their jurisdiction had and have wives, servants, and their merchantyse going, it was ordeyned and accorded that all those that entremetyde them of merchantyse should be taxed and charged with the burgisses abovesayd.

Beseecheth meekly therefore yo^r^ humble and poore Oratours, Maior, and Burgesses abovesaid, that it like unto yo^r^ Highness, of yo^r^ most noble and benigne grace, for to have in your tender consideration theese premisses, and for to charge the Chancello^r^ that he chalenge none other person or persons to be of his jurisdiction nor under the priviledge of the Universitie, but such persons as be above rehersed, for now it is so used that if any man have any action personall in yo^r^ royall court affor the Maior and the Bayliffs of what craft or condition that ever he be, be he a stranger or privie, tayloure, glover, cobler, fisher, boocher, carter, or collier, and any scholler have knowledge of him anone he shall goe to the Chancellor and say that he is his servant, and then anone the Chancellor sendeth a Beedle to the Maior or to the Baylifs and inhibite the court, unto

the great hurt of our soveraigne lord the King, and without remedy to the utter destruction of your farmours[88a] of yo^r sayd towne.

*Twyne*, v. 229.

1517, Nov. 2. *Abstract of a Letter from the University of Oxford to Cardinal Wolsey.*

[Had been prevented from replying to his two previous letters by the sweating sickness, and for reasons which their Commissary will tell him, whom they highly recommend. They have in compliance with his wish so modified the sentence passed on John Haynes and his son that neither can be much hurt. It was determined, however, that they should remain at Oxford, on condition of their satisfying the injured and their good behaviour; notwithstanding which Haynes has without provocation left Oxford. They have not yet been able to ascertain, as Wolsey desired, whether William Baker and Thomas Buklond were authors of the fire which happend there; they have, however, expelled them. Buklond, who had been thrown into prison for another offence, has escaped and fled with Baker. Oxford, post-ridie Novembris.] *Domest. State Papers.*

1518, April 28. *Letter of John Clerk to Cardinal Wolsey as to stopping Austin Friars fair on account of the Sweating Sickness.*

Pleashit yowr grace to vnderstond that this mornyng master Mor hath certifyed the kyngs grace from Oxford: that ther is iij cheldern dede of the syknes, and on yit syke of the sam sykness, and in good hope of recovery; and how that thos iij dyed yester day, all iiij beyng in ij howsoldys dwellyng ner to geder, and besydis thes ther was no ded ther of the syknes thys yer, as he certifieth. He writyth also, that he hath charged the Mayor and the Comyssary in the kyngis name, that the inhabitants of thos howses that be, and shalbe infectyd shall kepe in, pott owt wyspes and ber whyt roddys, accordyng as yowr grace dyuysid for Londonars, the whiche order they be right well contentyd to observe. The kyngis grace comanded his consayl her, to debatt this matter among them selfys, amongest whom the order taken by master Mor was wel guiedyd and ferdermor deuysid, whether it shold be best that the feyr in the austen fryars in Oxford, whiche after the old custume shalbe now wyth in xiiij days, shuld be stopped or no: for it is thowght, that for the resort of pepyll as well from London as from other infect[ed] places thether,

[88a] The Corporation of the City of Oxford had the soil of the city under various charters from the Crown, subject to the payment of a fee farm rent, which was purchased from the Crown, 9 February, 1787.

Oxford shalbe in as loyll case by the begynnyng off the next terme as London. Also it was sayd in the sayd consayll y^t in stoppyng and lettyng off the sayd fayr, ther shold ensew grogis and murmures amongst the kyngis subgects, specially in London, wher they wold thynke that men went abowt vtterly to distroy them, iff wyth other ther mys fortevnes they shold also be kept from ther feyrs and marketts; and so after great debatyng the mor part was in this opynion, that the sayd feyr shold nott be stoppyd, nottwyth-to'dy' they concludyd all, to take yo^r grace's aduyse in the matter.

Master Lovell departeth hens to morow: how be it he comyth nott strayt to London: for it wyl be Saterday ar he com ther. Thus Jhu' preserve yo^r grace: At Wodstoke the xxviij day of Apryll at iij of the cloke in the after noon.

E : D : v're R^me : humilima creatura Jo : Clerk.

[addressed] To my lord Cardinallis grace.

*Domest. State Papers.*

1518, May 30. *Sir Edward Chamberlain's Grant to Robert Busby.*

[Indenture made 30^th day of May, the x^th yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry VIII., between Sir Edward Chamberleyn of Wodstock K^t, of the one part, and Robert Busby of Michell Tewe yoman, of the other part, being the sale of a reversion to a mese, foure yards lands and a half in Grove, now in the tenure of the said Robert Busby; with a receipt of the sum of 10 marks sterling in full payment.]

*Lib. Alb.*, 154.

1518, July 22. *Carta Edwardi Chamberleyn militis fact' Roberto Busby.*

[Sir Edward Chamberleyn of Woodstock Kn^t, grants to Robert Busby of Great Tewe yeoman, for £20, one messuage and 4½ virgates of land in Grove co. Oxon, paying annually to him and his heirs 38*s.* 2*d.* sterling. Dated 22 July, 10 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 153.

1518, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayors*, Richard Millet[9].—William Bulcombe.

*Bailiffs* { John[10] Archer, William Chambur.

[9] The entry on the Lord Treasurer's roll is incomplete, and does not contain the Mayor's name; Richard Millett is supplied by Twyne, who copied it from the rolls of officers for the year. A vacancy in the mayoralty must have taken place during the month of March, as at a bailiffs' court held 28 March, 10 Henry VIII., the Mayor, William Bulcombe, is there said to have been newly-elected.—*Twyne*, 23, p. 610.

[10] *William*, on the Lord Treasurer's roll.

1518, Oct. 8, OXON. *Election of Officers in the time of Richard Millett, Mayor, John Archer and William Chamber, Bailiffs, 8 October, 10 Henry VIII.*[11]

*Aldermen* . William Bulcomb, John Hedde, John Broke.

*Bailiffs* . . John Archer, William Chamber.

*Constables* . Lancelot Warner, James Edmunds, . . . . Evynwod, Thomas Lane.

*Supervisors of Nuisances* Thomas Bristall, John Traves, Thomas Walker, Thomas Shelton.

*Keepers of the Chest with the five locks* William Camden, John Powes, Robert Spenser, John Wise.

*Keepers of M. N. (Margaret Northern)* John Hedde, John Seman, John Awsten, Henry Crampe.

*Keepers of the Common Chest* John Bilman, John Leth, William Robynson, Thomas Foster.

*Supervisors of Flesh* William Clare, Ralph Syngilton.

*Supervisors of bread* William Reve, William Taillor, fishmonger.

*Guardians of Swynstock* Thomas Walker, Robert Karewe.

*Taxers of the Halls* Thomas Wayte, John Williams.

*Town Clerk*—Richard Gybbes.

*Mayor's Serjeant*—Henry Crampe.

*Bailiffs' Serjeants* John Travor, John Taillor.

*Crier*—John Swerdbrake.

*Chamberlains* John Bilman, John Leth.

*Consilium majoris.*

William Bulcomb,
John Hedde,
John Broke,
John Archer,
William Chamber,
John Adams,
John Seman,
Thomas Bristall,
John Williams,
Thomas Wayte,
John Snowe,
John Traves,
William Camden,
William Taillor,
John Walker,
Nicholas Syers,
Richard Pytts,
Thomas Walker,
Robert Gough,
Thomas Shelton,
John Powes,
John Gelly,
John Rede,
Robert Karewe,
John Austen,
John Jenkynson,
John Smyth,
William Hewes,
William Arcles,
George Pyckeryng,
Richard Lake,
Thomas Bennett,
William Symcock,
Ralph Syngylton,
Richard Walclyn,
John Hynam[12],
John Leth.

*Consilium commune.*

John Symonds,
Robert Spenser,
William Campnett,
Thomas Foster,
Michael Hethe,
William Robynson,
Walter Gover,
William Clare,
John Wise,

[11] The rolls of city officers for the years 1518, 1520, 1521, and 1522 are not entered in the Council-books, but on single sheets of paper; they are here printed in order that they may be preserved.

[12] *Alias* John Bilman.

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| John Manston, | William Sarson, | William Thomas, |
| Richard Flexney, | John Pye, | Fulk Wellys, |
| John Lokyns, | John Philipps, | John Williams, |
| Thomas Jenkyns, | Ralph Oldam, | Robert Cowhope, |
| John Turnor, | William Falowfield, | Richard Betts, |
| Thomas Hewse, | William Reve, | Richard Westcros. |
| Walter Kent, | | |

1518, Oct. 8. *Lease of Pybaker's Place.*

[House beside the north gate called the Pybaker's place [13], leased to John Archer for 89 years at a yearly rent of 8*s*.] A. 3[b].

15$\frac{18}{19}$, Feb. 12. *Presentation to St. Clement's Church.*

[Master Oliver Stonyng presented by the prior and convent of St. Frideswide to the church of St. Clement's, on the resignation of Master Richard Wynysmore.] *Linc. Reg.*

1519, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Traves.

*Bailiffs* { William Symcock, John Lithe.

1519, Oct. 10, OXON. *Election of Officers there before John Traves, Maior,* 10 *October,* 11*th Hen. VIII.*

*Aldermen* . { John Hedd, John Broke, John Gelly.

*Bailiffs* . . { William Symcock, John Lithe.

*Constables* . { John Tanfield, William Forest, Thomas Lame, Edward Jenkyns.

*Supervisors of nuisances* { Thomas Bristall, John Snowe, Thomas Walker, Thomas Shelton.

*Keepers of the Chest with the five locks* { John Gelly, William Camden, John Powes, Robert Spenser, William Fallowfield.

*Keepers of Dame Margaret Northern's Chest* { John Hedd, John Seman, John Awsten, Henry Crampe.

*Supervisors of flesh* { William Clare, Ralph Syngilton.

*Supervisors of bread* { William Reve, William Taillor.

*Guardians of le Swynstock* { Thomas Walker, Robert Karewe.

*Taxers of the Halls* { Thomas Wayte, John Williams.

*Town Clerk*—Richard Gybbes.

*Mayor's Serjeant*—Henry Crampe.

*Servient' ad Clavas* { John Travor, John Taillor.

*Town Crier* { John Taillor, *al's* Swerdbrake.

*Chamberlains* { Walter Gover, John Kyng.

*Keepers of the Common Chest* { Walter Gover, John Kyng, William Robynson, Thomas Foster.

[13] This is distinct from the Pybaker's house in the High-street, at the corner of St. Mary Hall-lane.

*Consilium majoris.*

John Hedd,
John Broke,
John Gelly,
William Symcock,
John Lith,
John Seman,
Thomas Bristall,
John Williams,
Thomas Wayte,
John Snowe,
William Camden,
William Taillor,
John Walker,
Nicholas Syers,
Thomas Walker,
Robert Gough,
Thomas Shelton,
John Powes,
John Rede,
Robert Karewe,
John Awsten,
John Smyth,
John Archer,
William Chamber,
Thomas Benett,
Richard Leke,
George Pykeryng,
William Hewes,
Ralph Syngilton,
Richard Walclyn,
John Bilman,
Walter Gover,
John Kyng,
William Clare,
William Clare.

*Consilium commune.*

John Symonds,
Robert Spenser,
William Campnett,
Thomas Foster,
Michaell Hethe,
William Robynson,
Richard Flexney,
John Lokyns,
Thomas Jenkyns,
John Turnor,
Thomas Hewster,
Walter Kent,
William Sarson,
John Pye, yoman,
William Frere,
Giles Stephynson,
William Reve,
Ralph Oldam,
William Falowfield,
William Thomas,
Robert Cowhope,
John Cansfield,
Fulk Wellys,
James Edmunds.

M^d^. that John Kyng hath paide to the town for that he was never chosen Constable, vj^s^ viij^d^.

1519, Oct. 10, OXON. *Sectatores Curiæ Husteng'*[14] *ibidem coram Joh'ne Traves Maiore, Will'mo Symcock et Joh'ne Lith balli's x^mo^ die Octobr' A° R. R. H. viij. undecimo.*

Thomas, Abbas de Abendon,
Will's, Abbas de Osneya,
Henricus, Abbas de Eynesham,
Joh'es, prior Sc'e ffrideswide,
Prior Student' Canonicorum,
Margaret, Abb'tissa de Godstowe,
Priorissa de Stodeley,
Priorissa de Litellmore,
Priorissa de Non Eton,
Joh'es, p'sid' Coll. Magdalen',
Ric'us, Cust' Coll. Merton,
Preposit' Coll. Regine Oxon,
Magist' Colleg' Ball'i ib'm,
M. Coll. Universitat. ib'm,
Rector Coll. Lincoln' ib'm,
Rector Coll. Exon ib'm,
Hered' Rob'ti Slymbrige, clerici,
Hered' Georgii Warde,
Hered' Joh'is Isbury, Armig',
Hered' Joh'is Goylyn,
Rector' eccl'ie Sc'i Mich'is in Austr',
Joh'es Bishoppe de Burford,
Fratres predicatores Oxon,
Procuratores eccl'ie Sc'i Aldati ib'm,
Thomas Spendyng,
Richard Gosson,
Alicia Caswell vidua,
Procuratores eecl'ie Sc'i Petri in Oriente,
Fratres capelle Sc'e Trinitatis Oxon',
Procuratores eccl'ie Omni Sanctorum ib'm,
Procuratores capell' Sc'i Thome infra eccl'iam b'te Marie ib'm,
Episcopus Carlien'.
Basse Clericus,
Hered' Ric'i Pate bidell',
Fratres Carmelit' Oxon,
Thomas Wodward.

[14] Husting—*hus*, 'a house; *ting*, 'a meeting,' hence a house of meeting, a court, tribunal, council, the hustings, locus ubi in concilium conveniitur; conciliabulum, concilium.

1519, OXON. *Hanasterii*[15] *ibidem tempore Johannis Traves maior' Walteri Gover et Johannis Kyng Camerariorum Anno regni regis Henrici Octavi undecimo.*

2do die Decembr'. Ricardus Wyxsted intravit &c. per M. Will'i Frere et Thome Lame et dat . . . . xix$^{s}$
iiij$^{to}$ die Novembr' &c. Henricus Hawkyns intravit p M' Will'i Reve et Falcon' Wellys &c. . . . . ix$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Eodem die Johannes Fox intravit per M. Will'i Fallowfield et Roberti Cowhope et dat . . . . xix$^{s}$
Septimo die Novembr' Will'us Langley intravit per M. Joh'is Watson et Willielmi Reve . . . . xix$^{s}$
xx$^{mo}$ die Januar Joh'es Brede intravit per M. Johannis Symonds et Johannis More . . . . . xix$^{s}$
Quinto die Marcii Thomas Johnson intravit per M. Johannis Traver et Stephani Robynson . . . . ix$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
xix die Marcii Thomas Salett intravit &c. per M. Will'i Forest et Ricardi Barbott et dat . . . . xix$^{s}$
Ultimo die Aprilis Thomas Swadlyng intravit per M. Ricardi Bett et Edmundi Stafford et dat . . . ix$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

1519, Oct. 13. *Presentation to the Church of St. Peter-le-bailey.*

[Sir Robert Dingley presented by the prior and convent of Saint Frideswide to the church of Saint Peter-in-the-bailly, on the death of Sir Roger Matthew.] *Linc. Reg.*

1519, Dec. 1. *The Search for Charters.*

M$^{d}$ that the first day of decembr in the xi$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij in the Counsaile house the hole counsaile ther assembled oon othe generall was gevyn to all the counsaile that they and every of them shall make serche for all such writings as they haue in their kepyngs as charters, deds, Custumaryes, plees, Indent's, or eny other writings belongynge or consernynge the town of Oxford

[15] *Hanasterius* seems to be the Latinized form of the old German and Latin *Hansa*, *societas mercatorum*, 'a corporation of merchants;' as the Hanse towns of Hamburg, Lübeck, and Bremen, in Germany. The Latin *Hansa*, and the modern German *Hanse*, denote also a corporation in general, and it is thus used in the charters of all parts of Germany. In this sense *Hansa* is used in two charters granted by our King John in 1199 to Dunwich in Norfolk, and to the city of York. The Latin *Hansa* is found in the charter of Henry III., A.D. 1266, thus, "ut habeant hansam suam." The Anglo-Saxon termination *estre* is found in *bœcestre*, as in Gen. xl. 1, *Twegen men Egypta cyninges byrle and his bœcestre*, 'Two men, the butler and baker of the king of the Egyptians.' *Hansa-estre*, the termination *sa* coalescing with the *es* of *estre*, and transliterated into Latin would form *Hanasterius*, 'a member of a corporation;' and *Hanasterii admissi* would then be 'members of the corporation,' or Freemen admitted. (Dr. Bosworth, in a letter to G. P. Hester, July 17, 1871.)

or eny parcell therof; this serche to be made w$^{th}$in xiiij dayes then next, and they to sertifie by the tewisday next bifore the fest of Seynt Thomas the Appostill next cummyng. And that they that be not lernyd, to take oon of the town suche as can rede and sworn unto the town to make such serch. A. 2.

*Rules for Election.*

It'm at this Counsaill it is enactid and stablished for evermore by xxxviij$^{ti}$ the more parte of the counsaile that frohensforth the more parte of the counsell shall make allmaner of elecc'ons w$^{t}$in the town of Oxford except the elecc'on of maire and bailliffs & that no comyner shall intromytt w$^{th}$in eny elecc'ons ther frohensforth,—this Counsaile was examonyd by Henry Crampe and Thomas Foster, and so nombred. A. 2.

*(Erased after it was entered.)*

1519, Dec. 1. *Discharge of Office of Chamberlain.*

M$^{d}$ at a Counsaill holden ther the first day of Decembr in the xj$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$ it is graunted vnto Will'm Frere for the somme of iiij$^{li}$ paide in hand to the chamber of the Town that he shalbe dischargied for evermore of the office of the Chamberleyn of the Town of Oxford. A. 3$^{b}$.

1520, April 21. *For Beasts. Wendsday Markett.*

At a Counsale holden ther the xxj$^{st}$ day of Aprill in the xj$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of [Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$] it was Inactyd and stablisshed that fro hens forth ther shalbe ev'ry Wednysday a [market in Oxon kept] for bests to be bought and sold that is to sey Oxen, Kyen, horse, shepe, &c. and all other [catell, and that a proclamation] be made opynly that no person shall pay toll for his Catell bringyng and abydyng or restyng [in the sayd market] but only a toll peny &c. if any catell be sold. And that no bailiff ne eny other officer ther [take any toll otherwise] then is aboveseid apon the peyn xl$^{s}$ to be forfetyd and applied to the use of the seide Town. A. 17 *.

*For not comyng at Mr. Mayres commaundment to Cowncell.*

Item at the seide Counsaile it was Inactid &c. that if eny of the Counsaile sufficiently warnyd to the Counsaile and come not onlesse he have a resonable excuse and proved, shall pay for every tyme so doyng, an Alderman iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$, a Bailliff xx$^{d}$, and a Chamberleyn xvj$^{d}$, and every othe Comyner xij$^{d}$, of the whiche somes iiij$^{d}$ of every somme to [be] applied unto the maire for the tyme beyng for

the leveyng, of the residue of the seide sommes to the use of the seide town, and the seide maire for the tyme beyng to be bound for the payment of the same. A. 17 *.

1520, June 5. *Coroner's Inquisition upon the Death of Hugh Todde, in an affray between the Scholars of Broadyates and the Citizens.*

Inquisition indented taken in the town of Oxford in the county of Oxford, 5th day of June, 12th year of Henry VIII., before John Hedde, one of the Coroners of our lord the King, upon view of the body of Hugh Todde, there killed and found dead. [The jury] say upon their oathes that Thomas Bisley, late of Oxford, scholar; Thomas Houghton, of Oxford aforesaid, scholar; Maurice Tanop, of the same town, scholar; and Thomas Wykiswey, of the same town and county, clerk, with many other malefactors and disturbers of the King's peace assembled with them armed in a warlike manner, by force and arms, viz. sticks, swords, bows and arrows, the 4th day of June, 12 Henry VIII., about the hour of 11 at night of the same day in which Hugh Todde, John Godestowe, &c., then being the Kinges wachemen, were insulted, beaten and badly wounded, so that they despaired of their lives, and the same Hugh Todd was there and then feloniusly killed and murdered against the peace of our lord the King; and upon this the said Thomas Bisley, &c., after the said felony and murder done and perpetrated the said fifth of June, took to flight. *Twyne*, xxiii.

1520, June 15. *Fees to be paid instead of the customary Dinner.*

[Md that at a Counsale] holden in the Gyldehall of the Town of Oxford the xvth day of Junii in the [xijth yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry] the viijth it was statutid and ordeyned for evermore by thauctorite of the hole Counsaill of ..... Chamberleyn of the seide Town frohensforth make no dyner apon the day of ther accompt but that they ..... sey the aldermen have allowed unto every of them iiijd And oon person of every parishe of the seide Towne which ..... assigned by the maire for the tyme beyng to be at the same accompt to be allowed every of them ijd. And that ..... Chamberleyn frohensforth shalbe allowed apon his or ther accompt xiijs iiijd as it was used in tymes past, but the same xiijs iiijd to be applied to the use of the town forevermore.

A. 17 *b.

*For a Dinner to be kept by ye Mayre at a Sessyons.*

It'm it is statutyd and ordeyned by the same Counsaile that at the sessions in lent the maire for the tyme beyng shall receive of

the Chamberleyns &c. xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ for the dyner that day, and no more money to be spend at the charge of the town and that the Maire the Recordar the Aldermen the Bailliffs and the Chamberleyns for the yere and thofficers of the town to be there and no mo persons, &c.

*For non-makyng of a Dinner at y$^{e}$ Law Dayes.*

It'm it is statutyd and ordeyned by the same Counsaile that no Bailyff for the yere of the seide town frohensforth make no dyner at the lawdais but they shalbe dischargied, and for that they shall every of them xl$^{s}$ to be paide to the use of the Town at the dayes of the lawday that is to say Every of the ij lawdais xl$^{s}$ or the guyhald of the same town and so to be putt into the Town cofre, &c.

*The Mayor not to give a Dinner on election, but to pay Ten Pounds.*

Item it is statutid and ordeyned by the same Counsaile that no maire of newe chosen frohensforth shall make a dyner nothe be sett yn after the olde Custome, butt to be mett a horseback w$^{t}$ such as will Ride And the seide maire to pay to the chamber of the Town ten pounds to be paide at the day of his admission in the Guyldhall And so to be putte into the Town cofers to the vse of the same Town. A. 17 * $^{b}$.

1520, July 13. [*For not*] *commyng at M$^{r}$. Maire's commawndment.*

M$^{d}$. that at a Counsaile holden ther the xiij day of July in the xij$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$ it was inacted and stablished forevermore, that if eny Fraunchesid man sworn unto the fraunches of the seide town be disobedient and wyll not come at the mair's commaundement when he is send for apon his othe and warnyd by eny officer to come as it hath been vsed in tymes past and then the maire's serjaunt and the Bailliffs' serjaunts for the tyme beyng shall warne the same person agen to come. Then if the seide person so warnyd will not come at the second warnyng and have no resonable excuse approvid by the maire for the tyme beyng. Or if the seid person so warnyd come and appere and then and there will not submytt hym self to all such Injuncc'ons and Commaundements lawfull as the maire then and ther shall putt unto hym. Then the same person so beyng disobedient shalbe dischargied of his ffraunches for evermore, provided allwey that or this discharge be made the seide person to have an opyn monic'on at Carfox to come yn And shew a cause why he ought not to be dischargied and disfranchised.

A. 17 *.

1520, July 13. *Appointment of Auditors.*

M$^{d}$ at the seide Counsaill John Gelly, Thomas Shelton, aldermen, William Symcock, Bailiff, Walter Gover, Thomas Foster and Thomas Hewster were assigned by the hole Counsaill to be Auditors upon all arrerages and other olde Reconyngs concernyng the Town, And that they or thre of them at the lest do sitt therapon bitwen the day herof and the fest of Seynt Michaell tharchangell next cummyng w$^{t}$ all ther diligence therapon.

And that every Accomptaunt be redy to come when he shalbe lawfully warnyd to make his Accompt under the payn of every of them doyng the contrary vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. The oon half therof to be applied to the vse of the town And the other half to the auditors which be diligent and take labors herapon. A. 17 *.

1520, Aug. 1. *The King's Mandate for an inquiry concerning the death of Hugh Todde.*

Inquiratur pro domino Rege si Thomas Bisley nuper de Oxon scholaris, Thomas Houghton de Oxon predict' in Com' predict' scholaris, Mauritius Cannope de eisdem villa et Com' scholaris, et Thomas Wyckyswey de eisdem villa et Com' clericus, aggregatis sibi quam pluribus aliis malefactoribus et pacis domini Regis perturbatoribus modo guerino arriat' et armat' vi et armis, viz. baculis, gladiis, arcubus et sagittis, 4$^{o}$ die Junii anno regni regis Henr' 8$^{i}$ 12$^{o}$ circa hora xj in nocte ejusdem diei in quosdam Hugonem Todde, Johannem Godstowe et alios ad tunc existen' y$^{e}$ kinges watchmen riotose insultum fecerunt et ipsos Hugonem Todde et Johannem Godstowe ac alios p$^{r}$dict' ad tunc et ibidem verberaverunt vulneraverunt et male tractaverunt, sic quod de vita sua desperabant, ac eundem Hugonem Todde ad tunc et ibidem inventum riotose et felonice interfecerunt et murdraverunt contra pacem Domini Regis.

[The mandate for the arrest of the rioters was addressed to Thomas Englefield, then Sheriff of Oxford.] *Twyne*, v. 199.

1520, Aug. 4. *Presentation to the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East.*

[Master Robert Hyll, S.T.P., presented by the Warden and Fellows of Merton College to the church of Saint Peter-in-the-East, on the death of Master Simon Mollond, the last vicar.] *Linc. Reg.*

1520, Sept. 20, OXON. *Election of Mayor and Bailiffs of the Town of Oxford, the Friday next before the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle*, 12 *Henry VIII.*

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| John Hedde, | Thomas Shelton, | Thomas Bristall, |
| John Broke, | John Adams, | John Williams, |
| John Gelly, | John Seman, | Thomas Wayte, |

John Snowe,
William Camden,
William Taillor,
John Walker,
Nicholas Syers,
Thomas Walker,
Robert Gough,
John Powes,
John Rede,
Robert Karewe,
John Awsten,

John Smyth,
John Archer,
William Chamber,
Thomas Benett,
Richard Leke,
George Pykeryng,
William Frere,
William Hewes,
Ralph Syngilton,
Richard Walclyn,
John Bilman,

Walter Gover,
John Kyng.

*Extra portam borialem.*
Henry Busby,
William Hore,
Robert Donham,
John Mason.

*Mayor*, John Traves.

*Bailiffs* { William Hewes
William Frere.

*City Records.*

1520, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Traves.

*Bailiffs* { William Hewes,
William Frere.

*Chamberlains* { Robert Spenser[16],
William Thomas,
Giles Stephynson.

1520, Nov. 5. *Michael Heth compounds for the office of Chamberlain.*

M^d^ that the v^th^ day of Novembr' in the xij^th^ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry viij^th^ at a hole Counsaile holden ther it was grauntid by the same Counsaile to Mihell Heth for the some of six pounds paide in hand that he shall be dischargied of the offices of the Chamberleyn for ev' And so to be admytted as a bailly, and to have the rome of a bailly as an other bailly doth, And to go next the bailliffs, of this yere that is to sey William Hewes and Will'm Ffrere; and after hym Thome Benett, and after them, George Pykeryng, and Richard Leke. M^d^ that John Turno^r^ to goo after Will'm Clare and Will'm Thomas. A. 3 ^b^.

15$\frac{20}{21}$, Jan. 17. *Admission by the University of one of the Rioters named in the Inquest on Hugh Todde.*

[Thomas Wynkynslay, scholar of canon law, who was banished when the scholars of Brodeyates fought against the townsmen because he did not appear before the Chancellor, petitioned that he might return to this University, which was granted upon these terms, that he pay to the University 6^s^ 8^d^; for the reparation of the staff of the inferior bedel of arts, xx^d^, and say three masses for the good estate of the said regents, and for the soul of the defunct in that fight.] *Twyne*, xxiv. 406.

[16] Died during his year of office, and was succeeded by Giles Stephynson for the remainder of the year.

1520—21. *Hanasters admitted in the time of John [Traves], Mayor; William Hewes and William Frere, Bailiffs; Robert Spenser (while he lived) and William Thomas, Chamberlains; and afterwards William Thomas and Giles Stephynson, Chamberlains. 12 Hen. VIII. (ending Sept. 28, 1521).*

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| George Willison, | Thomas Pytts, | William Banast[r], |
| William Smyth, | Ralph Botts, | William Bele, |
| George Smyth, | Ralph White, | John Juse, |
| Edward Pulton, | Robert Aleyn, | David Crowner, |
| Thomas Shortrede, | Edmund Yushe, | Richard Dry, |
| John Jacson, | William Warner, | Thomas Symonds, |
| John Southwick, | Roger Hailewyn, | Richard Bartram. |
| John Forby, | | |

1521, Sep. 28. *The Accompts of William Thomas and Gyles Stephynson, Chamberleyns.*

Harry the VIIJ the xij yere, M. Trevys, Meyer; Bayles, William Howsse, William Freer; Chamorlaynys, William Plomner[16a] and Gyllys Stevynson.

It' payed ..... Elys . . . . . xij[d]
It' payed for a pyke . . . . . x[d]
It' payed for bred and ale to hys soper and wyne in the mornyng ij[s] iiij[d]
It' payd to M. Meyer for the dyner the day of the sessions xxvj[s] viij[d]
It' payd for horsse met. . . . . ij[s]
It' payd for the schevyng of horsse . . . . . xxij[d]
It' payd for horsse harnes and othyr reparassions of saddyllys xij[d]
It' payd for the offeren at Sent Martynys Chorche at the sessions . . . . . ij[s] vj[d]

Summa xlj[s] iiij[d]

It' payd for iij peyr of glovys for M. Yowng at the sessyons xij[d]
It' to M. Schereffe ij peyer of glovys . . . . . xij[d]
It' for iiij peyer of glovys for . . . M. Ferncore and hys wyffes ij[s]
It' to M. Schereffe for ..... w[t] golde buttons . . . . . .
It' to the Undyr Schereffe . . . . . glovys . . . . . .
It' for M. Mallet . . . . . .
It' for M. Mallet y[e] seriaunt iij peyer of glovys . . . . . .
It' for a peyer of glovys that was geffe to the porssevante that brou‡the downe the supena for M. Snow . . vj[d]
It' payd Maistres Schellton for glovys that was geffe away . ij[s] iiij[d]

Summa x[s] viij[d] *City Records.*

1521, Sept. 29. *Payments made to the Exchequer by the Bailiffs of Oxford.*

The Burgesses of Oxford by William Hewysh and William Fryer their Bailiffs accounting for the issues of their bailiwick, viz. from

[16a] *Alias* William Thomas.

the feast of Saint Michael 12 Hen. VIII. to the same feast then next following, 13th year of the same King, for one whole year.

They render an account of ij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$ from three buildings in Oxford, and from Robert Mercer. Of xl$^{li}$ for the Burgesses of Oxford, from the farm of their town. Of xxiiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ from five farms exacted under divers names. For xlij$^{s}$ for the weavers of Oxford. For xxij$^{d}$ for John Mares. For vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ for the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Oxford. For xij$^{d}$ for the church of Saint Aldate in Oxford. For ij$^{s}$ for the church of Saint Michael South in Oxford. For xij$^{d}$ for the church of St. Martin in Oxford. For x$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ from issues and divers forfeitures. Sum Total, xliiij$^{li}$ xj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. In the treasury xx$^{s}$ in two talliages for the said Burgesses from the issues of their bailiwicke. From the same Burgesses for the assize of bread and beer which used to belong to the farm, c$^{s}$ for this year. From Katherine, Queen of England, consort of the King, to whom the present King, the 10th of June, the 1st year of his reign, by his letters patent granted and assigned to the said Katherine, by the name of Katherine, princess of Wales *inter alia* xxxv$^{li}$ per annum from the farm of the said town, viz. from this charge xxxv$^{li}$ per ann. for Easter 12th year and Michaelmas 13th year of K. Hen. VIII. From debts xxj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. In the treasury delivered by the same Burgesses from the issues of their bailiwick and from their many debts. Et quieti sunt.

*City Records.*

1521, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Thomas Shelton.

*Bailiffs* { William Clare, William Thomas.

*Chamberlains* { John Turnor, Giles Stephynson.

*Common Councilmen*,

John Williams,
William Banaster,
William Pery,
John Philipps,
Richard Westcrosse,
Thomas Mondy,
Thomas Lane,
Richard Cotton,
John Maderson.

*Hannister Book*, p. 364.

1521, Sept.

OXON. *Electio Maioris et Ballivorum ibidem die veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Matthei apostoli anno regni regis Henrici octavi tercio decimo.*

John Gelly,
Thomas Shelton,
John Austen,
Michaell Heth,
John Adams,
John Seman,
John Williams,
Thomas Wayte,
John Snow,
William Camden,
William Taillor,
Nicholas Syers,

Thomas Walker,
Robert Gough,
John Powes,
John Rede,
Robert Karew,
John Smyth,
William Chamber,
William Symcook,
John Lyth,
Thomas Benett,

Richard Leke,
Georgius Pykeryng,
Ralph Syngylton,
Richard Wallclyn,
John Bylman,
Walter Gover,
John Kyng,
William Clare,
William Thomas,
Giles Stephynson.

*Extra portam borial'.*
William Harford,
Harre Busby,
John Lokyn,
William Hord.

*Maior*, Thomas Shelton.

*Bai-liffs.* { William Clare, William Thomas.

*City Records.*

15$\frac{21}{22}$. Mar. 2. *Presentation to St. Ebbe's.*

[Master Robert Blackemor', LL.B., presented by the abbot and convent of Eynesham to the church of St. Ebbe's on the resignation of Sir John Bulcombe.] *Linc. Reg.*

1522, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Thomas Shelton.

*Bailiffs* { Ralph Shyngleton, Henry Thykett [16b].

*Chamberlains* { Thomas Mondy, Richard Flexney.

1522, Oct. 6, OXON. *Election of Officers there before Thomas Shelton, Mayor, &c., 6 of October, 14 Henry VIII.*

*Aldermen* . { John Traves, John Awsten, Michaell Hethe.

*Bailiffs* . . { Ralph Syngilton, Henry Busby.

*Constables* . { John Maderson, John . . . . ., Ralph White, Thomas Shorterede.

*Supervisors* { M. Semane, M. Snowe, M. Walker, William Frere.

*Keepers of the Chest with 5 locks* . . { M. Heth, John Powes, William Frere, Thomas Foster, William Falowfyld.

*Keepers of M. Northern* { M. Traves, M. Seman, M. Walker, Henry Crompe.

*Supervisors of flesh* { Richard Betts, Thomas Swadlyng.

*Supervisors of bread* } William Taillor.

*Guardians of Swynstock* { M. Walker, M. Karewe.

*Taxers of Halls* } ut in anno precedente.

*Town Clerk*—Richard Gybbes.

*Mayor's Serjeant*—Henry Crompe.

*Bailiffs' Serjeants* { John Travor, John Taillor.

*Crier*—Robert Davys.

*Chamberlains* { Thomas Mondy, Richard Flexney.

*Keepers of the Common Chest* { Thomas Mondy, Richard Flexney, Thomas Foster, William Taillor.

[16b] *Alias* Busby.

*Consilium majoris.*

John Traves,
John Awsten,
Michaell Heth,
Ralph Syngilton,
Henry Busby,
John Seman,
John Adams,
John Williams,
Thomas Wayte,
John Snowe,
Nicholas Syers,
Thomas Walker,
Robert Gough,
John Powes,
John Rede,
John Smyth,
Robert Karew,
William Chamber,
William Symcock,
John Lyth,
William Hewes,
William Frere,
William Clare,
William Thomas,
Thomas Benett,
Richard Leke,
George Pykeryng,
Richard Walclyn,
John Turnor,
Walter Gover,
John Kyng,
Giles Stephynson,
John Pye,
William Banester,
John Hynam.

*Consilium commune.*

John Symonds,
William Campnelt,
Thomas Foster,
Richard Flexney,
John Lokyns,
Thomas Hewster, sen^r.
William Sarson,
Ralph Oldam,
William Falowfield,
Robert Cowhope,
John Williams, baker,
William Pery,
John Philyps, hosear,
Richard Westcros,
Thomas Monday,
Thomas Lame,
Richard Cotton,
John Maderson,
John Stede [17],
William Taillo^r, fishemonger [17],
Thomas Elyngham [17],
Thomas Spenser [17],
John Brygeman [17],
Edmund Irishe [17].

*City Records.*

1522. Oct. 6. *William Flemming compounds for the Offices of Chamberlain and Bailiff.*

M^d. that the day and year above said it is granted to William Flemmyng that for 7^li paid to the chamber of this town of Oxford, he shall be exonerated from the offices of Chamberlain and Bailiff of the town aforesaid for ever. *City Records.*

1522. Oct. 18. *Presentation to the Church of St. Peter-le-bailey.*

[Master Thomas Smyth, M.A., presented by the Bishop of Lincoln to the church of Saint Peter-le-bailly, by reason of a grant from the prior and convent of Saint Frideswide on the death of the last incumbent.] *Linc. Reg.*

1522. Oct. 18. *Presentation to the Church of St. Michael at the South Gate.*

[Master John Olyver, LL.D., presented to the church of Saint Michael at the South Gate on the resignation of Master Richard Gourne.] *Linc. Reg.*

[17] Common Councilmen elected this year, 1522-3.

1523. April 1. *Liberties granted to the University of Oxford.*

Letters patent, dated at Westminster 1st of April, 14th year King Henry VIII., granting liberties to the University of Oxford.

*City Records.*

[This grant was obtained at the instance of Cardinal Wolsey. Its clauses were so sweeping that every right possessed by the Town of Oxford was repealed, so far as the University and privileged persons were concerned, and the University was by it empowered to enter into competition with the Town both in trade and government. Comparative quiet had existed between the two bodies under the composition made between them in the 37th King Hen. VI., but everything now became changed, and for a series of years the most intense strife existed, which was only partly settled under the orders of the Privy Council 17th Queen Elizabeth.

In order fully to understand the extent of the liberties granted by the King under these letters patent, a short abstract of clauses is subjoined, together with the various petitions, recriminations, and complaints, that were from time to time forwarded to the King and his Council, and which will be found to supply most interesting and complete evidence of the disordered condition of Oxford during the reign of King Henry VIII.]

*A Summary of the particular Grants made to the University in the Charter of King Henry VIII., obtained by Cardinal Wolsey.*

1. Inprimis, the Kinge, at the sute of Cardynall Wolsey, graunted as moch as in him was to his welbeloved in Christ the Chauncelor and Schollers of the Universitie of Oxford; and ther deputy should be justices of peace wthin the towne suburbs and fower hundreth next adjoyninge, as also within the countys of Oxon and Berks.

2. Item, further it ys graunted unto them that they by ther letter sealed wth the seale of ther office, to assigne, constytute, and make for ever the Steward or his deputy, as also other learned in the lawe, to bee justices of pease wthin the town suburbs, fower hundrethes, and countyes of Oxon and Berks, for the tryall of all manner of treasons, morders, fellonyes, mayoms, and other acts what soever tuchinge the lawes, statutes, or croon.

3. Item, that neyther the Mayor or Baylifes of the Citty of Oxon, nor any justeeces or commyssion for the peace by vertue of the same commyssion, or any other justice of peace or commyssioner by commyssion appointed, but only the Chaunceler, Commyssarie, his deputy-steward, under-steward, or such justices as the Chaunceler

shall appointe or assigne under his seall of any of the abovesaide premyses, shall enquire or meddle with but upon ther certificate to surcease.

4. Item, the Chauncelo$^{r}$, his Steward, under-steward, and others learned in the lawe as abovesaide, be allwaies one to deliver any gayole w$^{th}$in the towne and suburbs of Oxon.

5. Item, that the Shriefes of the countie of Oxon and Berks shall make, returne, and execute and attende, and the precepts, commaundments, warrants, and judgements of the foresaide justicees shall make and execute, upon payne to forfit cc$^{li}$.

6. Item, that the Chauncelo$^{r}$ and Scholers shall have all maner of fynes, amercements, and forfeitures assessed and adjudged for trespasses, opressions, riotts, rowts, unlawfull assemblees, or other things commytted or done against the lawes of this realme, or against any statute law mayd or hereafter to be made.

7. Item, that the saide Chauncelor and Schollers shall have deodands, treasure founde, felons goods, outlawes, fugytyves felons goods, of them selves and other prehemynenses and casualties comminge and growinge w$^{th}$in the citie and suburbs, as also the goods and cattall, surtus and manucaptores.

8. Item, further it is graunted that the Chauncelo$^{r}$ and Schollers, ther servants, ministers, feriners, and tenaunts, and every of them whatsoever, shalbe fre and quiet wheresoever they dwell or be, shalbe fre from the takers for all ther goods and cattall, so as no purveyor, providor, or taker of victualls for the King's howshould, or other mynyster for the Kinge, may medle or take any of ther foresayd goods w$^{th}$in xx myles of the saide Universitie.

9. Item, it is further graunted to the saide Chauncelo$^{r}$ and Scholers that yf any indytement of murder or felonye, riotts, unlawfull assembles, or other things committed w$^{th}$in the saide towne, suburbs, and hundreds or countyes, be taken agaynst any priviledged person upon the certification of the Chauncelor of such inditem$^{ts}$, mayd and done by indenture betweene the Maior, Chauncelor, and Aldermen, maid the saide indytement emediately upon such certificate shalbe delivered w$^{th}$ the process whatsoeuer thereupon made, the Maior, Bayliffs, Justices, and Aldermen thereupon to surcease, upon payne of xx$^{li}$, and the said Indytements to be determined.

10. Item, yf any priveledged person by processe from the prynce be it in the King's own cause, be arrested or imprisoned, the Maior and bailifes upon notice of y$^{e}$ Vice-Chauncelor imeadiatlye shalbe delivered without fee uppon payne of xx$^{li}$.

11. Item, it is also graunted unto the Chauncelo$^{r}$, Scholers, and ther servaunts, minysters w$^{th}$ ther howshould, and all other priviledged

persons, may make and exercise all manner of byinge and sellinge, and exercise all manner of occupation w$^{th}$in the towne of Oxon and suburbs of the same, as burgesses maye.

12. Item, that priviledged persons be fre and exempted from all contribuc'on without the licence for libertie and fraunchcis of the Maior and Burgesses.

13. Item, it is further graunted that the same Chauncello$^{r}$, and in his absence his Commyssary, with the assent of the Masters in Congregac'on, may make Corporac'ons, statutes, and ordinaunces, with paynes to bynde all and singuler the inhabitants of the towne as also their vitalles and merchandyzes, any statute to the contrary.

14. Item, it is graunted to the saide priviledged persons they may take their goods and cattle stollen, although the same were seased by the Mayo$^{r}$, Bayliffs, or other officer whatsoever.

15. Item, yt is further graunted that for any sentence in any judgemente just or unjust by the saide Chauncellor, Commyssarie or his deputie, by any of them pronounced against any person shalbe holden good whether it be just or unjust, and for the same sentence so just or unjust that neyther the Chauncellor or his deputy or any of them shall not be drawen out of the Universitie for false judgment, or for the same vexed or troubled by any writte comandemente of the Kinge, or any manner of meane whatsoever, nor afore the King's Commissioner or his Justice in any courte upon payne of xx$^{li}$ as often as.

16. Item, [th]at y$^{e}$ same Chauncellor, Commyssarie, or his deputies, shall have and enioye full cognition of all matters, causes, playnts, and pleas whatsoever althowtht yt tuche the Kinge or his heire.

Young Dyvall gave me the originall of these papers, A$^{o}$ Dni, 1636.

*Twyne*, xv. 39.

1523, April 1. *Reasons alledged by the Town of Oxford why the Charter granted to the University at the instance of Cardinal Wolsey, and dated 1st April 14 Hen. VIII., should be repealed.*

1. That it conteyneth many thinges and graunts, w$^{ch}$ were the Townes before. Whereof instance is given in cognizance of pleas, where one party is a priviledged person, and the Chancellor's power of proceedinge therein not only accordinge to the Kinges lawes, but allso accordinge to the civill lawes and the customes of the Universitie, &c.

2. That no cause or judgement dependinge before y$^{e}$ Chancellor of y$^{e}$ Universitie, can be removed elsewhere by any writt of error, so longe as y$^{e}$ saide Chancellor be readie to stand to y$^{e}$ order of y$^{e}$

Proctors and others of the Universitie, in such cases provyded, whereby the benefit of the common lawe is taken awaye, &c.

3. That it giveth power to the Universitie to make statutes to bynde the inhabitants of y^e^ Towne, and to make Corporations, &c.

4. That it giveth to the Chancellor and Universitie all fynes, forfeitures and penalties, over the priviledged persons, in any of the King's courts for any offences against the statute of provision and præmunire, &c.

5. That it giveth power to the Chancellor to challendge any priviledged person, emprisoned in any place over all England, for any criminall cause, as murder, manslaughter, roberie, rape, or felony: and the partye so challenged, to be delivered unto him under the payne of xl^li^. And the partie so delivered, to be tried before the Chancellor of the Universitie, either by the lawes of the realme, or by any other lawes and customes at his will and pleasure, &c.

6 and 7. That it giveth power to the Chancellor to make Justices of peace, and gaole delivery, &c. And that no purveyour of the Kinges may take up any victuall or provision w^th^in xx miles of Oxford, w^th^out the Chancellor's licence, &c. All which and divers others therein contayned are manifestly against the Kinges prerogative and the Townes liberties formerly graunted, &c., and tendinge to the oppression and utter undoeinge of the Inhabitants there, &c.

8. That by vertue and collour of certayne decrees heretofore made by Bishops, and under pretence of these saide graunts, the Chancellor enforceth the Mayor and other Burgesses to take a yeerly oathe, to observe all liberties, and priviledges, and other bye-lawes, w^ch^ have heretofore byn made and are daily made by y^e^ Universitie, and w^ch^ oathe is contrary in many thinges to the Mayor's oathe given to the King in the Exchecker, &c., and y^t^ if they refuse to take that oathe to the Universitie they are presently excommunicated, &c., w^th^ a dilemma made concerninge the saide Mayor's great perplexitie by reason of bothe those oathes, &c.

9. From whence, they conclude with a petition, y^t^ it would please the saide parliament to make an act for the revocation of the saide charter of K. H. VIII. so procured by the Lord Cardinall, &c.

10. And that from thenceforward, the saide Townesmen maye be suffered to enioye and execute all their liberties (w^ch^ they maye lawefully use and exercise) w^th^out any lett or interuption by the Universitie, &c.

11. And that from thenceforward, neither the Mayor, Bayliffes, or other freemen of the Towne be banished, excommunicated, or imprisoned against the common lawes and statutes of this realme, by the Chanceller, or other officers of the University, &c.

12. And that if hereafter the Chancellor and Schollers of the Universitie or any of them doe procure or attempt imprisonment, excommunication, or banishment of the Towne officers or other freemen thereof, they maye for y^e^ same incurre the penaltie of the statute of provision made in the 13^th^ Ric. 2^i^, and also for every on so used by them paye or forfeit the summe of x^li^ to the partie so greived by them, &c.

13. Lastly, there is a provision inserted, that this new conceaved act of revocation be no hindrance or prejudice to any lawfull liberties of y^e^ Universitie, w^ch^ the saide Universitie had and enioyed before the comminge forth of that saide charter of K. Henr. VIII., bearing date 1° Aprill, A° Reg. regni 18° (*sic*) as aforesaide, &c. *Twyne.*

1523, June 1. *Presentation to the Church of St. Peter-le-Bailey.*

[Master Arthur Bulkeley, LL.B., presented by the priory and convent of Saint Frideswide to the church of Saint Peter-le-Bailey on the resignation of Master Thomas Smyth.] *Linc. Reg.*

1523. *Petition of the City of Oxford exhibited against y^e^ Universitie in Parliament, as well as against the Charter of K. Henry VIII., procured by Cardinal Wolsey.*

Shwyth unto yo^r^ highnes and the Lords spirituall and temporall and to the Commons in this present parliament assembled, The Mayor, Ballyffes, and Comminalte of Oxford.

1. That whereas divers of the King's most noble and Royall progenitours, Kings of England, have by their severall l'res patents gevyn and graunted to the Mayor, Baylyffes, and Comminaltie of y^e^ saide Towne and their successors the sayd Towne of Oxford .... a guyld Marchant and felons goods and Connisance of plees w^th^in the pr'cinct of y^e^ saide Towne, and to be the Clarkes of the Markett their, and also the vewe of ffrank plege, with diverse and sundry other liberties and ffrancheses as by their severall l'res patents amongst other thyngs playnly appeareth, for the w^ch^ they Mayor, Baylyffes, and Comminaltie have alway yerely payde to the King's most noble progenitours, and yet yerely payeth to the King's highnes a yerle ffee ferme of xl^li^ in his Court of Exchequer, and so it is that the Chansellor and Chancellers of the Universitie of Oxford aforeseyd sithens the sayde graunts upon feyned suggestions made by the Chancello^r^ and Schollers have as well opteyned and made diverse and sundry decrees and statuts by diverse Byshopps, diverse l'res patents made as well by the King's most nobill progenitours, as by his highnes, by reason and collor whereof the sayd Chancello^r^ and Schollers have not only molested, disturbed, and inquieted the saide

Mayre, Bayliffs, and Comminaltie of and yn exersysinge of the sayde liberties and ffrancheses to them gyven and graunted.

2. But also hath diverse and many times cited, suspended, excommunicated diverse of the sayde Mayre, Bayliffs, and Comminaltie of and in exersisynge of the sayd liberties and ffrancheses to them gyven and graunted Burges and inh'itants of y^e^ sayde Towne for causes temporall and determinable by course of the common lawe of the lande, to the grete impoverishinge of many of the inh'itants of the seyde Towne, and the sayde Chanseler and Schollers by their Commissarie and Proctors do dayle determine the causes after the course and order of the lawe civyll, wherein the sayde inh'itants be ignorant and many times can get no counsell their convenient and learned in the saide lawe civill, by reason whereof the sayde Mayor, Baylyffes, and inhabitants ben often and many tymes wrongfully condempned, ymprisoned, and bannished the Towne, and so bene clerly put from the benefite of the lawes of the Realme whereunto they be inheritable.

3. Insomuch that yff any inhabitants of the saide Towne have cause of acc'on against any person havinge privilege of the saide Universitie, that then he that hath such cause of acc'on shalbe incontenently commytted to ward, ther to remayne to such tyme as he hath found suertie there, he shall take no remedye before any of the King's Justices accordinge to the King's lawes, but only before the saide Commissarie or Chancellor.

4. And moreover the saide Chancellor and Schollers by the gret labour and sute of the Reverend fader in God, Thomas, Lord Cardinall of England, have lately receyved of the Kinge our Soveraigne lord certen l'res patents bearinge date the first day of Aprill in the xiiij^th^ [18] yere of our sovereyne lord the Kinge, conteyninge diverse sundrye liberties and priviledges, whereof many were before graunted to the saide Mayo^r^ and Comminaltie, that is to say, that the Chancello^r^ and Schollers shall have connusance of plees w^th^in the pr'cinct of the saide Towne, where any person beynge priveleged of the sayde Universitie shalbe parte of the saide plee to heare and determyne not only by dewe course and processe of the King's lawes, but also to make processe and determyne the seyde plees by and after the lawe cyvyle, or any other lawes or customes at the will and pleasure of the sayde Chancello^r^ and Schollers.

5. And all iudgment by them given, whether they bee right or wronge, shall not be removed into any of the King's courts by no wryt of error of certiorare, or other processe cummynge forth of any court of our soveraigne lord, and directed to the saide Chancello^r^,

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Commissarie, and Schollers to be allowed, as longe as the said Chancello$^{r}$ and Commyssarie wilbe ready to stand to the order of the Procter and order of the Universitie after the custome of the Universitie, so that by the sayde graunt the benefite of the common lawe of the realme of England is hereby taken from the inhabitants and other the King's subiects of our saide sovereyne lord repayrynge to the same Towne.

6. And also it is graunted to the saide Chancellor and Scolers that the Masters of the Congregacon have full power and autorite to make statutes and ordinaunces w$^{th}$ paynes to binde the inhabitants of the same Towne and their merchaunds, and also full power and authorite to make corporations.

7. And that allso the Chancello$^{r}$ and Schollers shall have to their owne use and behalfe the forfeitures, fynes, and penaltyes w$^{ch}$ by any manner meane may ensue against any person priviledged of the Universitie in any of the King's Courts, by reason of any acc'on or writt of the statute of provision and premunire, to the great boldnesse and comfort of such as offend the King's lawes in that behalfe.

8. And that also it is graunted by the saide l'res pattents to the saide Chanceller and Schollers, that if any person or persons beinge priviledged or registred in the booke of the said Universitie shall fortune to be arrested and to be in ward in the King's our soverayne lord's gaoles w$^{th}$in any parte of this realme of England for any manner of murders, manslaughters, roberie, Rape, or any other felony, if the saide Chanceller, Commissarie, or his deputes send to the Justices by whome the said priviledged person was committed to prison, or to the gaoler w$^{ch}$ hath the saide person in custody, that then the same Justices or gaoler shall forthw$^{th}$ deliver the same person priviledged w$^{th}$ all such indictaments as shalbe agaynst him to the said Chanceller, Commissarie, or his deputie, under payne of xl$^{li}$, and the same person so priviledged to be tryed, punished, and discharged by the saide Chanceller, Commissarie, or his deputie, be it by the law of the realme or by any other lawes or customes at the will and pleasure of the saide Chanceller and Commissarie or deputy.

9. Also it is graunted to the Chanceller and Schollers that they shall have full power and authorite to make Justices of peace and gaole deliverie.

10. And that no purveyur of our sovereyn lord the Kinge, shall take any victuall w$^{th}$in xx miles of the said Towne w$^{th}$out lycence of the saide Chanceller, Commissarie and Schollers, w$^{th}$ diverse other lycences, priviledges, and graunts, w$^{ch}$ extend not only to the deprivac'on of the libertie and graunts before made to the sayd Maire and Comminaltie to the gret losse, oppression, and utter undoinge

of the saide inhabitants of the saide Towne, but also the diminution and derogac'on of the high p^r^rogative, preeminencie, crowne, and dignitie roiall of our saide sovereigne lord, as by the same l'res patents amonge many other things as at large more specified.

11. And also by cullour of the saide decree and graunts the said Chanceller and Schollers procure, inforse, and cause the said Mayor w^th^ divers Burgesses yerely to take an othe before the said Chanceller and Schollers to observe and keepe all such liberties and priviledges and other by lawes w^ch^ the saide Chanceller and Schollers heretofore have made and dayly make; w^ch^ othes be more repugnant and contrary in many things to the othe w^ch^ the saide Mayer and his predecessors yerely use and make to our sovereyne lord the Kinge in his court of Exchequyer; and if the saide Mayer or Burgesses refuse to take the saide othe before the saide Chanceller and Schollers, then they will excommunicate them and put them thereby to grett troble, damage, shame, and inquietnes; and if the said Mayer take the saide othe, then he is put in such a perplexitie and doubt in his conscience by reason of both the said othes, that he cannot well serve the Kinge in his right for the libertie of the same Towne as to his duty apperteynyth; other he must offend the said othe made to the saide Chanceller and Schollers, and if he observe the saide othe made to y^e^ said Chanceller and Schollers, then he must offend y^e^ said othe made to the Kinges highnes in his Exchequyer to the perilous danger of the conscience of every such person as shalbe Mayer of the saide Towne, to the grett lett and good justice, good rule and order, to be kept w^th^in the same Towne.

12. In consideracon of w^ch^ premisses forasmuch as Mayer, Bayliffes, and Commynaltie of the said Towne be poore laye merchant men and artificers not able to attempt the King's lawes for the reformac'on of the premisses against the said Chancello^r^ and Schollers beinge of grett possessions, riches, and substance, and also men of grett dignitie, it may therefore please the King's highnes, and by the advice of the Lords spirituall and temporall and his commons in this p^r^sent parliament assembled, and by the authorite of the same to establish, ordeyne, and enacte that ffrom henceforth the saide letters patents beryng date the first day of Aprill, in the xiiij[19] yere of the reigne of our sovereyn lord the Kinge that now is, and every article conteyned in the same be utterly voyd and of none effect.

13. And that the said Chancello^r^, Commissarie, Procturs, and Schollers, and every of them and their successors, and all other w^ch^ now ben or hereafter shalbe priviledged of the said Universitie, shall

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from henceforth suffer the saide Mayer and Bayliffes and Comminalte, and everie of them and their successors to use, exercise, and put in due experience and execution all and every such liberties, ffranchesies, and privileges, whereof they have any lawfull graunts by letters patent of any of the King's most noble progenitors (w^ch^ they may lawfully use and exercise) w^th^out interrupc'on, lett or impedyment of the same Chanceller, Commissarie, Proctours, and Schollers, or eny of them.

14. And in nowise the saide Chanceller, Commissarie, Proctours, and Schollers, nor their successors, shall from henceforth excommunicate, banish, or imprison the Mayre or Bayliffes of the same Towne nor any of them, nor any freeman of the same Towne against the common lawe ne statuts of this realme, any acts, ordinaunces, constitutions, or decrees by them made or to be made to the contrary hereof notw^th^standinge.

15. And in case the saide Chanceller and Schollers, or any of them, or any by their procurement, attempt to excommunicate, banish, or imprison the saide Mayre or Bayliffes or any of them, or any of the freemen of the saide Towne contrary to this p^r^sent acte, that then they or every of them so doinge or offendinge shall not only incurr and suffer such payne, damage, and penaltes as be conteyned in the statute of provision made in the xiij^th^ yere of the King's most noble progenitor Kinge Richard the second, but also shall loose and forfait to every such of the saide Mayer, Bayliffes, and fremen that shall be by them, or any of them, excommunicated, banished, or imprisoned contrary to this present acte x^li^; for w^ch^ x^li^ such Mayre, Bayliffes, and freemen being hurted, shall have his acc'on of debt by writt and pleynt at the common lawe against every such Scholler by whome he shall be vexed contrarie to the premises, in w^ch^ acc'on or pleynt no essoyne, protecc'on, wager of lawe shall be admitted.

16. Provided alwey that this acte extend not nor in any wise be p^r^judiciall unto such liberties or francheses as the Chanceller and Schollers of the Universitie, or the Mayer and Burgesses of the same Towne, be justly and lawfully intitled to have and injoy by reason of any graunt to any of them made by the Kinge our soveraigne lord, or any of his progenitors, by any letters patent made before the saide first day of Aprill in the saide xiiij^th^ [20] yere; and but that every of ther liberties and francheses before that day to every of them graunted shallbe and stand of such and like qualite, forme, and effect as they were before the makynge of this act, and not to be amended ne impayred by reason of this p^r^sent act of repeale and revocac'on. *Twyne*, v. 241.

[20] xviij in MS.

1523, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*[21],

*Bailiffs* { Walter Gover,
Richard Walklyn.

1523, October 18.

*K. Henry y^e 8^ths letter to the Bayliffs of Oxon for not impanellinge a sufficient Jurie to serve in y^e universitie Leet.*

To our trusty and welbeloved Walter Gover and Richard Wakelyn Bayliffes of our Towne of Oxford.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you well; and whereas amonge other liberties by our noble progenitors grantyd unto our universitie of Oxenford, it is established that ye and your successors, Bailiffs of that our Universitie, from time to time uppon monition and warninge to be yeven unto you yn writinge, as a præcept from y^e Commissary and proctors of our saide universitie, should empannell for y^e commyn welth of our said universitie, such a substantiall and discrete enquest of 18 persons, w^ch for their wisedomes, honesties, and experiences schuld neither for favour made, drede or affectyon, spare to present and finde such and as many trespassers and transgressors w^ch doe offend in sellinge or utterynge any unresonable or unlawfull victailes w^thin oure said universitie, yet by your improvident meanes and other y^e Bayliffs afore you, y^e same our grants hath takyn little effect, because of your empannellinge unsufficient persons to passe from time to time uppon y^e sayde enquests, by w^ch your and their negligent demeanor usyd therein, all the trespassors offendinge in y^e premisses have byn permitted to passe unpresented, and by reason thereof unpunished, and so far lacke of due observance thereof, all commonwelthe there is ineptly permitted to fall into extreame ruine and decay, to your reprobable dishonesties and rebuke, and to y^e great hurt and losse as well yn bodies as yn substance, not only of our schollers and students wythyn o^r saide universitie and y^e Inhabitants w^thyn our saide Towne, but allso to all other repayringe thereunto. It is not longe sythens, that ye were in our name exhorted and required by summe of our right trusty counsellers to amende and redresse your enormities usyd in y^e premisses, w^ch ye promised effectually to followe; but y^e contrarye doth nowe manifestly appeare for y^e sithens y^e monition to you so yeven you, have empanelled lyke simple Inquests to enquyre of y^e premises, as ye in times past have byn accustomably usyd to do so, whereat we doe not a little mervayle; straytly charginge and commandynge you from henceforth to name and empannell vppon

[21] The Mayor's name is omitted in the Council-books and on the Lord Treasurer's Roll. It is probable that Thomas Shelton was again elected.

y^e said enquests such circumspect persons w^ch of their honesties discretions experiences and substances, woll not to fynde and present y^e trespassers offendinge therein whereuppon punishment may followe and ensue accordinge to their delicts and offences usyd in y^e same: fayle ye not hereafter to followe thys our prcept and pleasure hereyn as ye minde y^e advancement and prferment of y^e commonwelth and entende therby to please us, and as ye will answer to y^e contrary at your further peryll. Yeven under our signet at our mannor of Woodistoke y^e 18 daye of October. *Twyne*, xiii. 259.

[1523.] *For the sowdyars prest and Cundyꝛt to Dover.*

M^d that I John Austen have Receuyd of Wyllyam Howse . iij^li xv^s
also Receuyd owꝛt of the Coffer with v locks . ix^li
It' Receuyd of maister Walcar that same tyme . . xl^s
It' Receuyd of the seyd M^r Walcar the xxiiij day of december other . . . . . xl^s

Sm^a xvj^li xv^s

M^d that I John Austen aske to be alowed of these Sums above wryttyn as hyt shall appere hereafter wherefor.

Fyrst paid for xx^ti sowdiars cunndyꝛt monay to dover to ev'y won of them . . . . . iiij^s viij^d

Sm^a iiij^li xiij^s iiij^d

It' paide for ther prest monay . . . . xx^s
It' delyv'd to John Pey for hys costes to douer and so home . . . . . iiij^li
It' in Rewarde to the sargant of arms that cum fro the kyng . . . . . vj^s viij^d
It' for wyne spend uppon the seyd sargant . . . xiiij^d
It' for xx^ti doson of poynts . . . . . xviij^d
It' for ij holberds . . . . . xx^d
It' for iiij swerds . . . . . ix^s iiij^d
It' for ij swerde gyrduls . . . . . iiij^d
It' for a sadull and a brydull and harnes ther to . . iiij^s viij^d
It' paid for fustian and for makyng of the bagies . . ij^s vj^d
It' for vij dagars . . . . . iij^s ij^d
It' for iij busshell of colls in the cownsell howse . . vj^d
It' for makyng of the sowdiars cotts viij^d a cote . Sm^a xiij^s iiij^d

Sm^a vij^li iiij^s x^d
Probat xj^li xviij^s ij^d

It' paid to Thom^as elyngam for xiij yards of playne whyt, price [per] yarde vj^d . . . . . Sm^a vj^s vj^d

It' paid to John Austen for xxv yards of playne whyt, vij$^{d}$ the yarde . . . . . Sm$^{a}$ xiiij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$
It' paid to John Axulbe for xij yards iij qrt's, p'ce the yarde vj$^{d}$ . . . . . Sm$^{a}$ vj$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
It' paid to John Belt for xxxv yards & a halfe of plyne whyt, p'ce the yarde vj$^{d}$ ob. . . . . xix$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
It' paid to John fyllyps for x yards of playne whyt, p'ce the yarde vj$^{d}$ . . . . . Sm$^{a}$ v$^{s}$
It' paid for v yards of grene, p'ce the yarde x$^{d}$ . Sm$^{a}$ iiij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
It' for ij yards of Red for Crosses, p'ce the yarde xij$^{d}$ Sm$^{a}$ ij$^{s}$
It' for bred and ale for the sowdyars in the yeld hall vij$^{d}$½
It' paid to Woldale for mendyng of sarte harnes . iiij$^{s}$
It' for a eln of Canvas . . . . . vj$^{d}$
It' paid for Carryng of the sowdyars harnes fro london wayyng' CCC and di', vij pounds . . . . Sm$^{a}$ v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Rychard Hethe for makyng of iij boks for the kyngs subsidie . . . . . xx$^{s}$
It' paid to the seid Rychard for makyng of x quetans and a letter send to the kyngs cownsell . . . . ij$^{s}$
It' paid for the undur shrefe hys brekefast at bylmans . xij$^{d}$
It' in expens' for my broder Heth and for me Rydyng to maist' Vmton, for bred ale and horsemete . . . vij$^{d}$
It' for the hyre of ij horse . . . . . viij$^{d}$
It' for Robard Danys expens' for carrynge of the cummissyon to Maist' Barendyn and to Maist' Horne, for hys meat and drynke and horsemet . . . . . xij$^{d}$
It' for hys horse hyre for iij dayes . . . . xij$^{d}$
It' delyv'd to george Reyffe for his costs to london w$^{t}$ a letter to the kyngs cunsell astochyng george Byllyson . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
M$^{d}$ that I aske alowans for sarten coots bowtht of the sowdyars that shuld a goo to dover.
Fyrst paid to John Morys for hys Coote
It' Rec' of hym a byll . . . . . xx$^{d}$
It' paid to Wyllyam Androwes for hys Coote . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of him a byll, a swerd, and a dagar
It' paid to Wyllyam Symson for hys coot . . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of hym a byll, a swerd, and a dagar
It' paid to John grafton for hys coot . . . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of hym a byll, a swerd, and a dagar
It' paid to Robard Holdar for hys coot . . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of hym a byll, a swerd, and a dagar
It' payd to Thom$^{a}$s Caxton for hys Coot . . . xx$^{d}$
It Rec' of hym a byll and a swerd

It' paid to John Andorson for hys Coot . . . xx$^{d}$
It' Recevyd of hym a byll, a swerd, and a dagar
It' paid to Wyllyam freman for hys coot . . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of hym a byll
Recevyd of the seyd Wyllyam for hys swerd and hys dagar xx$^{d}$
It' paid to John brownyng for hys coot . . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of hym a byll
It' paid to Thom$^{a}$s fere for hys coot . . . . xx$^{d}$
It'
It' paid to John Wylson for hys coot. . . . xx$^{d}$
It'
It' paid to Hinfrey hewster for hys coot . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of hym a byll, and a swerd
It' paid to Wyllyam benbow for hys coot . . . xx$^{d}$
It' Rec' of hym a byll, a swerd, and a dager
It' paid to John Grafton and to Robard holder for the Reparacions of ther wepuns . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ to$^{l}$ xviij$^{li}$ xvij$^{d}$ ob.

M$^{d}$ that I John Austen askyth to be alowed for my Expenses to London when I shuld make answere for the towne to my lorde Cardenall for the last Commyssyon that was delyvered by Maister Harcourt & Maister Chamburleyn :—

Ffyrst for Horsebred in Oxford . . . . iij$^{d}$

*At Henley uppon tems.*

It' for supper . . . . . v$^{d}$
It' for ale after . . . . . j$^{d}$
It' for brekefast . . . . . ij$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . ix$^{d}$

*At Colbroke.*

It' for denar . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . ij$^{d}$
It' for ale at braynford . . . . . j$^{d}$

*At London a Sonday supper.*

It' for supper . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
It' in Wyne . . . . . j$^{d}$½

*A Monday.*

It' in wyne . . . . . iij$^{d}$
It' for supper . . . . . v$^{d}$

*A Twys day.*

It' for brekefast at Westmyster . . . . . vj$^{d}$
It' for ale and wyne . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
It' for supper . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
It' in wine . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*A Wensday.*

It' for brekefast & for wyne . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
It' for denar . . . . . v$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' for showyng of a horse . . . . . j$^{d}$

*At Wox beyge.*

It' for supper . . . . . v$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . viij$^{d}$

*At Wecum.*

It' for brekefast . . . . . v$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*At Whatley.*

It' for bred and ale . . . . . ½$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . j$^{d}$
It' for the hyer of a horse to London and to home ayen . xx$^{d}$
It' for horsebred . . . . . ij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ xi$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$

*To the towne delyv'd to John Py & T. Fostar.*

It' for xj yards of blu Carse, xiiij$^{d}$ the yarde . . xij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
It' for a qrt' of Red Carse . . . . . vj$^{d}$

*Delyv'd to the Chamburlen Folofeyld.*

It' for a qrt' of Red Carse, and a qrt' of blu Carse . . ix$^{d}$
It' for another qrt' of Red Carse and a qrt' of blu Carse . ix$^{d}$
It' for halfe a yarde of lynyg . . . . . ij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ xv$^{s}$

*Mydsomer Terme.*

M$^{d}$ that I, John Austen have Recevyd of Wyllyam Howse for my expens' to London at Mydsomer terme consernyng the Townes besenes . . . . . xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Also Recevyd of Rychard Walkelyn from Wyllyam Clare thelder . . . . . xxx$^{s}$
It' Recevyd fro M$^{r}$ Walcar at ij payments . . iiij$^{li}$
It' Recevyd of my brod$^{r}$ Hethe fro Wyllyam Clare and fro Wyllyam Thomas . . . . . xl$^{s}$
It' Recevyd of my brod$^{r}$ Flemyng fro Raffe Shyngylton & fro Harre Busbe . . . . . xl$^{s}$
Also Recevyd of the seyd M$^{r}$ Flemyng from Wyllyam Howse xvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ xi$^{li}$

Here foloweth my [expe]nss' that I aske to be alowed—

*Fyrst at Tetesworth.*

It' for bred and ale and horsemet . . . . . v$^{d}$½
It' for horsemet at Oxford before . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*At Wecum.*

It' for denar . . . . . x$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . ij$^{d}$½

*At Woxbryge at Nyȝt.*

It' for wyne and ale and for breakfast in the mornyng . xiij$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . viij$^{d}$

*At Acton.*

It' for bred and ale and horsemet . . . . . iiij$^{d}$½

*At London.*

It' for denar and ale . . . . . ix$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*A Sonday.*

It' for denar and supper and brekefast . . . xv$^{d}$
It' for wyne and ale . . . . . v$^{d}$
It' for boot hyre . . . . . iij$^{d}$

*A Monday.*

It' for denar and drynkyng . . . . . vij$^{d}$

*A Twysday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xv$^{d}$
It' for wyne and ale . . . . . v$^{d}$
It' for boot hyre . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*A Wensday.*

It' for brekefast . . . . . iij$^{d}$
It' for denar and supper . . . . . xj$^{d}$½

*A Thursday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xiiij$^{d}$
It' for wyne ale and strawberries . . . . v$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*A Fryday.*

It' for denar and drynkyng . . . . . xiiij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . j$^{d}$

*A Saturday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper and drynke . . xvij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . j$^{d}$

*A Sonday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xiij$^{d}$
It' for wyne and ale . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

*A Monday.*

It' for denar and supper wyne and ale . . . xiiij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . vij$^{d}$½

*A Twysday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xvij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . vj$^{d}$
It' for a posset . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*A Wensday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xiiij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

*A Thursday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xj$^{d}$½
It' for wyne and ale . . . . . vij$^{d}$
It' for Nycolsans hys expens' to Oxford and ayen to London ij$^{s}$

*A Fryday.*

It' for denar and drynkeing . . . . . ix$^{d}$
It' for wyne geyffe to Mr. Mayer of Cambryge and to his py
..... ern . . . . . viij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

*A Satterday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xxiij$^{d}$
It' for wyne ale and strawberys . . . . v$^{d}$

*A Sonday.*

It' for brekefast supper and ale . . . . xix$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . ij$^{d}$

*A Monday.*

It' for denar brekefast and supper . . . . ij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
It' for strawbery ale and a posset . . . . iiij$^{d}$

*A Twysday.*

It' for ale and supper . . . . . xviij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

*A Wensday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . ij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . ij$^{d}$
It' for wyne ale and cherys . . . . . x$^{d}$

*A Thursday.*

It' for denar . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
It' for wyne and ale spend appon o$^{r}$ Cownsell . . xiiij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . iij$^{d}$

*A Fryday.*

It' for denar and drynke . . . . . vi$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . ij$^{d}$
It' for wyne ale and for soket . . . . melad . . . vj$^{d}$½

*A Saturday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xiij$^{d}$½
It' for boothyre . . . . . iij$^{d}$

*A Sonday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xvj$^{d}$½
It' for boothyre . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

*A Monday.*

It' for denar and supper . . . . . xiiij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
It' for wyne and cherys spende uppon o$^{r}$ Counsell . . xvj$^{d}$

*A Twysday.*

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| It' for boothyre . . . . . | v$^{d}$ |
| It' for wyne and ale . . . . . | vij$^{d}$ |

*A Wensday.*

| | |
|---|---|
| It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . | xvij$^{d}$½ |

*A Thursday.*

| | |
|---|---|
| It' for brekefast and supper . . . . . | vij$^{d}$ |
| It' for boothyre . . . . . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| It' for wyne and ale . . . . . | iiij$^{d}$ |

*A Fryday.*

| | |
|---|---|
| It' for denar . . . . . | vj$^{d}$ |
| It' for boothyre . . . . . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| It' for wyne and ale . . . . . | vj$^{d}$ |

*A Saturday.*

| | |
|---|---|
| It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . | xij$^{d}$ |
| It' for boothyre . . . . . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| It' for wyne and ale . . . . . | iij$^{d}$ |

*A Sonday.*

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| It' for brekefast denar supper and for ale . . . | xiij$^{d}$ |
| It' for boothyre . . . . . | iij$^{d}$ |

*A Monday.*

| | |
|---|---|
| It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . | ix$^{d}$ |
| It' for wyne and ale . . . . . | iiij$^{d}$½ |
| It' for boothyer . . . . . | ij$^{d}$ |

*A Twysday.*

| | |
|---|---|
| It' for brekefast and denar and supper . . . | xv$^{d}$½ |
| It' for boothyre . . . . . | v$^{d}$ |
| It' for wyne and ale . . . . . | iij$^{d}$ |

*A Wensday.*

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|---|---|
| It' for brekefast denar and supper and ale . . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| It' for boothyre . . . . . | iij$^{d}$ |
| It' for a box for o$^{r}$ wrytyngs . . . . . | ij$^{d}$ |
| It' for a payer of showes for Robard Dauys . . . | viij$^{d}$ |

*A Thursday.*

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|---|---|
| It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| It' for boothyre . . . . . | iij$^{d}$ |

*A Fryday.*

It' for denar . . . . . viij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . iij$^{d}$
It' for wyne and ale . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

*A Saturday.*

It' for brekefast denar and supper . . . . xvj$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . v$^{d}$

*A Sonday.*

It' for denar and supper . . . . . xij$^{d}$
It' for boothyre . . . . . j$^{d}$

*A Monday.*

It' for brekefast and supper . . . . . ix$^{d}$
It' for wyne and ale . . . . . iij$^{d}$½

*A Twysday.*

It' for denar . . . . . iiij$^{d}$½
It' for boothyre . . . . . iij$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . xiij$^{s}$
It' for the barbar and the lawndar . . . . viij$^{d}$
It' for paper . . . . . j$^{d}$
It' for showyng of the horses . . . . . vj$^{d}$

*At Colbroke.*

It' for supper and ale after . . . . . ix$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . ix$^{d}$

*At Wecu'.*

It' for denar . . . . . vj$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . ij$^{d}$½

*At Tettysworth.*

It' in ale . . . . . j$^{d}$
It' for horsemet . . . . . j$^{d}$½
It' for the hyer of a horse for xlij dayes . . . xij$^{s}$
It' paid to Robard Hokenale for hys expenses to London & ayen to Oxford . . . . . viij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to hys sonne for makyng of the last booke of subsede iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Sm$^{a}$

Here foloweth the costs and charges paid to ower lernyd Cownsell.

Fyrst paid to Maist' .. ellys of the chansery whcyhe was my attorney . . . . . xx$^{d}$

It' paid for the copy of ther peticion putto my lord Cardinal ij$^{s}$
It' paid to Mt' Conysbe for hys Cunsell . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Packyngton fo hys Cunsell . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Wylcoke . . . . . xx$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Spylman . . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Poort . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Wylcokes for the copy of to brygemouts of exemplyfycacion w$^{t}$ the cheker sayle . . . ij$^{s}$
It' paid to Maist' Maliat . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Maliat's Clarke for makyng of the answer in the chansery . . . . . xii$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Malyat . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Packynton . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Conysbe . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Alen for the copy of the indent' of the subsede xij$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Alen a nother tyme . . . xx$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Wylcokes . . . . . xx$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Pakynton . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Packynton's Clarke for makyng of the answer in the excheker . . . . . xx$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Joynar . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Copwood for the entre of the ple . . xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Spilman, Maist' Malyat, and Maist Packynton . . . . . xx$^{d}$
It' paid to Maist' Joynar for the drau¦t of the answer to the excheker . . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
It' paid to Mt' Wylcoke for serchyng of the Kyng's Records iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
It' paid to Wyllyam Thom$^{a}$s of the excheker for to the Records . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ tot$^{ls}$ x$^{li}$ ij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$

*City Records.*

1524, April 27. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles.*

[Master Thomas ap Howell, LL.B., presented by the abbess and convent of Godstow to the church of Saint Giles, on the resignation of Master Richard Gwent, bachelor of decrees.] *Linc. Reg.*

1524, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Awsten. Presented to the Barons of the Exchequer by John Pye and William Banastre.

*Bailiffs*, Thomas Mundy, Richard Flexney. | *Chamberlains*, William Archer, William Pery.

1524, Oct. 16. *Grant of Premises called the King's Head, in the Parish of St. Martin.*

[Thomas Wodeward, of Chalgrave, Esq., confirms to Sir Simon Harcourt, Kt., John Bustard, Walter Yonge, Gent., and Edmund Iryshe, mercer, one tenement with two shops lying in Northgatestrete in Oxford, in the parish of Saint Martin, which is called Kyngeshed, otherwise Peryhall, with six acres of land, &c. Dated at Oxford 20 Oct., 16 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, f. 158.

1524, Nov. 4. *Presentation to the Church of St. Clement.*

[Master William Bays, bachelor of decrees, presented by the prior and convent of St. Frideswide to the church of St. Clement's, on the resignation of Master Oliver Stonynge, M.A.] *Linc. Reg.*

1524, Dec. 20. *Presentation to the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East.*

[Master Robert Serles, priest, presented by the warden and fellows of Merton College to the church of Saint Peter-in-the-East, on the death of Master Robert Hill, S.T.P.] *Linc. Reg.*

1524/25, March 1. *A Grant of Trill-mill Hall, in the Parish of St. Michael, at the South Gate.*

[A charter of Michael Heth, Alderman of the town of Oxford, granting and confirming to John Austen and William Flemminge, Aldermen; John Pye, . . . . . ., and William Clare, junior, one messuage with appurtenances called Trillmyll hall[22], situate and lying in the parish of Saint Michael at the South gate, between a bridge called Trillmyll bowe to the north, and a toft lately belonging to the prior and convent of St. Frideswide on the west; to hold the same to the use of Elizabeth Shelton, widow, for the term of her life, and after her death to the use of Elizabeth Palmer and her assigns. Dated at Oxford 1st March, 16 Henry VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 155.

1525, April 26. *Election of Alderman and Coroner.*

M^d that the xxvj^th day of Apryll in the xvij^th yere of the reign of o^r Sou'eign Lorde Kynge Henry the viij^th w^t the fre eleccon then grauntede to the commyns of the Towne of Oxford, the Mayor,

[22] By an indenture, reciting an award, made Sept. 4, 20 Hen. VII., John Eggecombe undertakes to deliver all evidences in his possession concerning a brewhouse called Tryllmill Hall to the use of John Hedde, Alderman, of Oxford, Alice his wife, and their heirs.—*Twyne.*

Aldermen, Balyffs, Chamb'leyns, ande Commyns, wt their full mynde ande assent have electyde Thomas Frier late of Chepyng Wycombe in to the rome of an Alderman of the seide towne of Oxon, the day and yere above written and sworn to the same.

The day and yere above written Michaell Heth Alderman of Oxford was electid in to the office of a Coroner ande sworne to the same.

*Hannister Book*, p. 366.

1525, Sept. 19. *Payments on account of the South Bridge.*

In a paper booke [now lost] in ye city of Oxford office, in ye upper chest there of 5 lockes, standing at ye east side of ye office.

The accompt of Robert Carewe made before Mr. John Austen, Mayor of ye towne of Oxford, John Craven[23], Will. Flemmynge, and Tho. Frere, Aldermen, &c., ye 19 day of September, in ye 17th yere of ye raigne of Kinge Henry ye 8, of and uppon ye reparations of ye towne rentes as hereafter parcelly followeth, where amonge other expences fo 3o I find thus.

The reparations done uppon ye South brigge.

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| First, for 3 plankes . . . . . | ijs |
| It'm, for 2 peeces of timber to keepe in ye gravell about ye sayd brigge . . . . . | 8d |
| It'm, pd for ye cariage of ye same timber . . . | 4d |
| It'm, pd for ye layinge of ye same timber . . . | xijd |
| and this is all. | |

*Twyne*, xxii. 363 b.

1525, Sept. 25. *Ordinances regulating the Repairs of the Castle Mills.*

Memorand' that the xxv day of September, in the xvijth yere of the reign of Kinge Henry the VIIIth, in the Councell house byfore the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayliffs, Chamberleyns, by their assent and thassent of the Cowncell of the towne, It is from hensforth established ande enacted that wher as the day of makyng of this act the Castell myllys belongyng to the towne of Oxonford, before in decay, and for the repayring of them at this tyme ande for evermore hereafter; it is ordeyned, establisshed, and enactid, the bayliffs for this yere att their entryng to their offices, to delyver to the vse of reparacon of the said myllys vjli, every bayly iijli, and the same bayliffs, Ric. Cotton and William Archer, to be repayde agen the next yere xxs, every bayly xs. Ande every bayly in tyme cummyng hereafter that shalbe admyttid to the said office shall pay when they shall

[23] An error for John Traves.

take his oth before the mayor, toward the reparacion of the saide myllys, l^s, ande the said l^s to remayne in the coffer under fyve locks in a lytill coffer w^t ij locks, w^tin the saide coffer w^t fyve locks alweys, to rune and to be ymployde to thuse of the reparacon of the said myllys, and to non other use.

It'm, that the bayliffs that shalbe charged w^t suche reparacions as herafter folowyth, that is to sey, ladillyng of myll, makyng of the flodde yates, makyng of the banks ande conductyng of the water to the myll, the makyng of spyndyll ande the myll pycks, ande the myllar's wages after the olde custome, ande all other charges of reparacions of the saide myllys to be made w^t suche money beyng in a stock w^tin the said litill coffer conteyned in the saide coffer w^t fyve locks. *Hannisters*, 366 b.

1525, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Michael Heth.

*Bailiffs*, { Richard Cotton, William Archer.

*Chamberlains*, { Richard Gunter, William Campones.

*Common Council*, Richard Wykestede, Robert Holbeck, Edward Jeynkyns, Laurence Whitefote.

1526, Aug. 18. *Inrolment of a grant to Richard Gounter.*

[John Wyrlocke, *alias* Vele, chaplain, of Tewkysbury, co. Glouc., for a certain sum of money to William Chamber, warden of the chantry in the church of Thornebury; Thomas Pycher, John Hylpe, John Whytfelde, and Walter Smythe, to the use of the chantry aforesaid; grants to Richard Govnter, gent., all lands, tenements, tofts, gardens, formerly Robert Slymbrige's, clerk, within the town of Oxon. Witnesses, Michael Hethe, Mayor; John Austen and William Flemyng, Aldermen of the said town; Richard Cotton and William Archer, Bailiffs. Dated 18 Aug., 17 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 156.

1526, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Michael Heth.

*Bailiffs*, { John Pye, William Banaster.

*Chamberlains*, { William Clare, jun., Edward Herst.

1526/7, Feb. 9. *Inrolment of a grant to William Monday and Wife.*

[Robert Forman, of Cowley, in co. Oxon, gent.; John Frankelyn, of Horsepathe, yoman, and Joan his wife, grant to William Mondy and Agnes his wife a tenement, with a garden adjacent, in the parish

of St. Olave, within the town of Oxford, in a certain way called pennyferthing strete, viz. between a tenement of Merton College called Bullhall on the east, and a tenement of Magdalen Coll. on the west. Witnesses, Michael Hethe, Mayor; John Pye and William Banyster, Bailiffs; William Clare, jun., and Edward Hersh, Chamberlain. Dated 9 Feb. 18 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 160.

[Hugh, son of the above John Frankelyn, releases all his rights in the same premises, by charter dated 11 April, 18 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 166.

1527, April 25. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles.*

[Master David Pole, doctor of decrees, presented by the abbess and convent of Godstow to the church of Saint Giles, on the resignation of Master Thomas Powell.] *Linc. Reg.*

1527, Sept. 26. *Repairs ordered for the Castle Mills.*

M^d^ at a Cownsell holden the xxvj day of September, in the 19^th^ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIJ^th^, it stabylyshed and enacted by the hole Counsell that John Snowe and Thomas Walker ffor thys yere shall see all maner of reperacions done and made upon the Castell Mylls apperteynyng to the parte of the towne, and they to haue ffor ther labour for the same yere iij^s^ iiij^d^ a pece, and theyr costs. *Hannisters*, p. 366 b.

1527, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Flemyng. Presented to the Barons of the Exchequer by Richard Flaxney and John Pye.

*Bailiffs*, { Edward Ierishe, William Clare. | *Chamberlains*, { John Brygeman, John Davys.

1527, Nov. 19. *The Bailiffs imprisoned by the Commissary for refusing to summon a Jury.*

The Bailiffs of Oxford (Edmund Iryshe and William Clare, jun.) appeared before John Cottysford, Commissary of the University, to shew reasonable cause why they should not be punished for refusing to summon in the Guidhall of Oxford, on the 16th inst., a jury of 18 men before the said Commissary, as Clerk of the Market, to make inquisition according to the King's privileges, and the tenor and effect of a summons lawfully sent unto them.

Upon which day the said Bailiffs are punished, Edward Iryshe

being commanded to repair to the Castle before the hour of 11 of the same day, and William Clare, jun., to the prison called "Bocardo," and to there remain during pleasure. *Twyne*, xvi. 114 b.

1527, Dec. 11. *That no Mayer, Alderman, nor Bayly, shall be S'vaunt to any of y^e Unyv'syte or Gent.*

M^d that at a Councell holden ther the xj^th day of December, in the xix yere of the reigne of King Henry the VIIJ^th, at the seyde Councell it is inacted and stablyshed, that no Mayre, Alderman, or other that hathe ben Bayllyffs of the towne of Oxforde, shall frohens fourthe take no yerly wagys nor lyverry, nor to receyve no rents of noe abby nor college w^tin the towne or suburbys of the same ..... he shulde be namyd a scollers servaunt under the payne of ten pounds, to be p^d w^tin a monethe after the matter provyd ageynst hym to the coffer of the v locks, and xl^s to the Mayre for the tyme being, or els hys body to remayne in prison tyll the tyme the mony be payde. A. 1.

1527, Dec. 11. *For lettyng Shopps or Chambers to Foryners.*

M^d that the day and yere above wretten it was inacted and stablyshed, that from hens fourthe noe man w^tin the towne of Oxforde shall lette noe shoppe nor chamber to noe foryner upon payne of xl^s, to be p^d to the coffer of the fyve lockys, and vj^s viij^d to be p^d to the Mayre for the tyme being by the hands of them that dothe the contrary and brekyth thys acte, or hys body to remayne in prison unto the tyme the mony be p^d. A. 1.

1528, June 15. *Appointment of Mayor's Serjeant.*

[Raffe Whyte to occupy the office of Mayor's Serjeaunt under George Reve, now Mayor's Serjeaunt.] A. 1.

1528, July 28. *For Suyng forthe of thys Towne.*

M^d at a Counsell holden in the Councell house the xxviij day of July, in the yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIJ^th, it is establyshed and enactyd by the hole Councell that noe ffreman of the towne of Oxforde doe sue any p'son in any courte for noe manner of convencion made w^tin the towne of Oxforde and the suburb of the same, bout before the Mayre and Bayllys for all sommes of money which is above the somme of vj^s, and for all other under nethe the seyd somme be determyned before the Mayre's Sergaunt. A. 1.

1528, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Flemyng.

*Bailiffs* . . { John Hynam[24], William Falowfeld.

*Chamberlains* { Christopher Haukyns, Thomas Pers.

*Town Clerk* . Walter Wayt.

*Mayor's Serjeant*—George Reve.

*Coroners* . { William Flemyng, Michael Heth.

*Aldermen hoc anno.*
John Austen,
Michael Heth,
Thomas Frere,
William Frere,
William Flemyng.

1528, Oct. 8.

[House by West Gate leased to John Williams, of Oxford, brewer.] A. 3 b.

1528, Oct. 19. *Extract from the Expences of William Flemming.*

In a booke of expences [now lost] of Will. Ffleminge, Mayer of Oxford, and burgesses of y^e^ sayde place in y^e^ towne businesses, 19^o^ Octobris, 20 Henr. VIII., namely, against y^e^ newe priviledge granted to the University of Oxford by Henry y^e^ 8, whereof there is frequent mention there made :—

fol. 2. It'm, to Boterell for y^e^ writinge of y^e^ corporation of y^e^ browne bakers, and another corporation of y^e^ skinners, made by y^e^ Com'issary . . . . xij.

The Commissary was then, as it appeareth there, S^r^ Cottisford ; one of y^e^ Procters, Mr. Duke ; the towne Bayliffs, John Byllman, Will Fallowfield.

And y^e^ whole booke conteyneth expences touchinge a sute betweene y^e^ Univ'sity and y^e^ towne concerninge that newe charter, and these 2 corporations and certayne articles exhibited by y^e^ University against y^e^ towne, *et è contra*. There is mention made of my lord Cardinall's grace, and S^r^ Tho. More. *Twyne*, xxiii. 197.

[1528.] *Articles exhibited by the University against the Town.*

Articles exhibite to y^e^ most reverend father in God Thomas, lord legate, Cardinall Archbyshoppe of Yorke and Chaunceler of England, by y^e^ Chaunceler and Proctours of y^e^ Universitie of Oxford for and on y^e^ behalfe of y^e^ said Universitie, of divers and sundrie injuries and wrongs unto y^e^ same Universitie done by William Flemminge, nowe Mayre of y^e^ towne of Oxford, and

[24] *Alias* Bilman.

William Fallowfeild and John Bilman, Bayliffs of y^e^ said towne, whereof they desire reformation.

1. First, y^e^ saide Chaunceler and Proctours, seyen y^t^ as well by a certaine decree made by the reverend father John, Byshoppe of Lincoln, sufficiently authorized by y^e^ Popes holines in y^e^ time of Kinge Edward y^e^ 3^rd^, as by certaine covenantes made betweene y^e^ Chaunceler of y^e^ saide Universitie on y^e^ one partie, and y^e^ Maior and Coi'altie of y^e^ same towne on y^e^ other partie, in consideration of y^e^ great, heinous, and most lamentable murders before done by y^e^ Maior and coi'altie of y^e^ saide towne of y^e^ preists, graduates, and schollers of y^e^ saide Universitie, which towne for the same cause was enterdicted. Yt was decreed by y^e^ said John, Byshoppe of Lincoln, uppon payne of residivation into y^e^ same interdiction y^t^ y^e^ said Maior and Cominaltie and their successours, yearly for ever should find a preist, a decon, and sub-decon to singe masse in y^e^ parishe churche of our lady S^t^. Mary, within y^e^ said towne of Oxford, and pray for y^e^ soules of y^e^ saide preists, graduats, and schollers which from y^e^ saide time unto nowe of late hath dewly beene observed and kept, y^t^ notwithstandinge y^e^ same William Flemminge, nowe Mayor of y^e^ saide towne, y^t^ to doe hath bitterly refused, whereby y^e^ saide Mayor and Cominaltie being residivate into the saide iurisdiction, and have broken their covenaunte contained in y^e^ said indenture.

2. Also where as well by y^e^ charter of y^e^ right noble Kinge Edw. y^e^ 3^de^, as by y^e^ charters of dyvers other kings progenitours to our nowe most gracious soveraigne lord, and by his highnes right gratiously confirmed, it is contained y^t^ as often and whensoever y^e^ Mayor of y^e^ saide towne of Oxford shall give his oathe of fidelity unto y^e^ Kinge our soveraigne lord, y^e^ cominaltie of y^e^ saide towne of Oxford shall therof give præmonition to y^e^ Chaunceler of y^e^ saide Universitie or to his deputie, to y^e^ entent y^t^ y^e^ saide Chaunceler or his saide deputie should or might be present at y^e^ givinge of y^e^ saide oathe; and y^e^ saide William Flemminge, nowe Mayor of y^e^ saide towne, hath taken uppon him y^e^ saide oathe w^t^out any præmonition therof given, unto y^e^ saide Chaunceler or his saide deputie.

3. Item, where by divers charters graunted by our saide soveraigne lord y^e^ Kings most noble progenitours, as from time out of mind used, y^e^ saide Mayor, Aldermen, and lviij Burgesses of y^e^ saide towne of Oxford yearly ought to take, and from y^e^ time abovesaide have taken, an oathe within y^e^ saide Universitie before y^e^ Chaunceler or his deputie, to observe and keepe y^e^ liberties and customes of y^e^ saide University, savinge their fidelity given unto our saide soveraigne lord. The said William Flemminge, nowe Mayor of y^e^ said

towne, to take any such oathe before y^e^ saide Chaunceler or his deputie as of old time hath beene accustomed, utterly hath denied and refus'd, to a right ill ensample; wherfore y^e^ said Chaunceler, Proctours, and Schollers, prayeinge that the said Mayor may be compelled to be sworne to observe and keepe y^e^ liberties, priviledges, and fraunchesses of y^e^ said Universitie in like forme as other mayors before this time have done.

4. Item, the said Bailiffs, to thentent y^t^ y^e^ co'ialtie of y^e^ saide towne should y^e^ lesse doubt to enfringe and breake y^e^ liberties and fraunchesies of y^e^ said Universitie, and to y^e^ entent to move debate, variance, and striffe betweene y^e^ Chauncellour, Proctours, and Schollers of y^e^ said Universitie as of y^e^ said towne of Oxforth, openly published, that they were not bound to observe y^e^ priviledges of y^e^ same Universitie, but only y^t^ they should not fight with them.

5. Item, where y^e^ deputie of y^e^ saide Chauncelour before divers worshipfull persons, in full, lovinge and charitable manner have shewed unto y^e^ said nowe Mayor, Aldermen, and Bayliffs sundry graunts of y^e^ progenitours of our said most gracious soveraigne lorde, and by his hyghnes most graciously confirmed, of y^e^ liberties, priviledges, and fraunchesses to them given and graunted, requiringe y^e^ said Mayor, Aldermen, and Bayliffs to permitt and suffer y^e^ said schollers y^e^ same to enioye accordinge to y^e^ said graunts. The said Mayor, Aldermen, and Bayliffs presumptuously have made playne answer unto y^e^ said deputie, y^t^ our saide most gracious soveraigne lord nor his progenitours cannot give nor graunt unto y^e^ said schollers of y^e^ saide Universitie any such liberties or priviledges.

6. Item, where our said most gracious soveraigne lord, by his letters patents, hath graunted unto y^e^ said Chauncellour and Schollers of y^e^ said Universitie of Oxford and to their successours, y^t^ all schollers and their servants, with their family, of y^e^ said Universitie may exercise freely all manner of merchandizes, buyings and sellings by retaile or otherwise, and also use and occupie every manner of mannuall crafte within y^e^ precinct of y^e^ Universitie and towne of Oxford, withoute any thinge payinge unto y^e^ said Mayor, Aldermen, or Bayliffs, for occupyinge or exerciseinge therof. The said nowe Mayor hath nowe of late inhibited, and under great paine strictly commaunded unto divers persons of y^e^ said Universitie, as well schollers as schollers servants, any further to buy or sell, and to surcease in usinge or exerciseinge theise mannuall occupations contrary to y^e^ said liberties and priviledges to y^e^ said Universitie graunted, to y^e^ utter undoinge of y^e^ said persons soe priviledged, and to great derogation of the said liberties.

7. Item, where y^e^ said Chaunceler is sufficiently authorized to be

Clarke of Market within y^e^ saide towne of Oxford, and hath supervision and order as well of y^e^ prices of y^e^ victualls as y^e^ correction of y^e^ victualers inhabitinge within y^e^ said towne of Oxford at any time committinge any offences, and for y^e^ comonwealth of y^e^ said Universitie and towne of Oxford, by their common assent have made and ordayned many good lawes and ordinaunces for y^e^ bruers and bakers within y^e^ said towne, w^ch^ time out of mind have beene observed and dewly kept; the said William Flemminge, nowe Mayor, hath commanded y^e^ said bakers and brewers, upon paine of periurie and other great paynes and forfeitures, no longer to observe y^e^ said lawes and ordinaunces, accordinge to y^e^ w^ch^ commandement y^e^ said bakers and brewers have refused to keepe the said good ordinaunces, wherby not only at many times y^e^ said Universitie and towne have beene destitute of bread and ale, but also y^e^ prices and assises therof excessively, to y^e^ great preiudice of y^e^ commonwealth of y^e^ schollers of y^e^ said Universitie.

8. Item, where in divers charters graunted by our said soveraigne lord y^e^ King's most noble progenitours, y^t^ ye said Chauncelour or his Deputie hath all manner of iurisdiction of and uppon causes, crimes, contracts, and transgressions, where y^e^ one partie is a scholler or a schollers servant, and also y^t^ noe maner of person of y^e^ said towne of Oxford should intermeddle, attacke, distraine, seaze, arrest any of y^e^ goods or catells of y^e^ said schollers, or of any of y^e^ servants of y^e^ said schollers, which liberties of longe time they have inioyed. The said William Fallowfeild hath nowe of late, without cause or good ground, seazed a certaine sacke of meale, containinge viij bushells of meale, of y^e^ goods and catells of one Doctour Owynge, contrary to y^e^ priviledges above rehearsed. [12 Nov., 1528.]

9. Item, where y^e^ said Deputie of y^e^ said Chauncelour at sundry times hath committed divers persons to prison for their offences and misdemeanours, ye said nowe Mayor, without y^e^ assent and consent of y^e^ said Deputie, hath againe incontinently enlarged them, to y^e^ great comfort of y^e^ said misdoers, and contrary to y^e^ liberties above rehearsed.

10. Item, where y^e^ said Chauncelour by his Deputie hath full power and authoritie to keepe a law-day twise by y^e^ yeare within y^e^ said towne of Oxford, and their to inquire of such things as unto y^e^ said law-day appertaineth, to y^e^ great comforts and commonwealth of y^e^ said Universitie and towne, y^e^ said nowe Mayer will in noe wise permitt or suffer y^e^ Chaunceler nor his said Deputie to kepe y^e^ said lawe dayes accordinge as right they ought to doe, to y^e^ great detrment of y^e^ said Universitie and of all our said soveraigne lord y^e^ Kings subjects there.

11. Item, where y^e said nowe Mayer was enformed by our soveraigne lord y^e Kings writt to permitt and suffer y^e said Chaunceler and Schollers to keepe y^e saide law-day, accordinge to y^e graunt of our said soveraigne lord, by his letters patents to them made and graunted, y^e saide William Flemminge, now Mayer, and Michaell Heth, Alderman, of y^e saide towne, openly said y^t our said soveraigne lord could graunte noe such liberties; and when by y^e Deputie of y^e said Chancelour it was charitably and lovingly shewed unto them y^t y^e saide graunt was under y^e great seale, it was answered on y^e partie of y^e said Mayer and Aldermen y^t many things passed y^e Kings broad seale y^t y^e Kings grace was not ware of.

12. Item, where the said Chauncelour and his prædecessours have used to have y^e Mayer's cryer to serve ye saide courte of law-day, y^e same William Flemminge, beinge required by the Deputie of y^e said Chauncellour to have his said cryer, did malitiously cause him to absente himselfe, wherby y^e said court for y^t time was unserved, by reason wherof y^e said nowe Mayor hath contemned y^e iniunctions to him by our said soveraigne lord y^e Kings writt given. All which iniuries and wrongs by y^e said Mayer and Bayliffs in forme afor rehersed done to y^e said Chauncelour, Proctours, and Schollers, prayinge and beseechinge your good grace to be reformed and redressed, in such wise as by your grace shalbe thought consonant to reason and good conscience, and your oratours and schollers shall dayly pray to God for y^e preservation of your good and gracious lordshippe longe to endure. *City Records*[25], *and Twyne*, iv. 119.

15$\frac{28}{29}$, Feb. 18. *Writ to enforce the University Charter, and to appear to a Suit in Chancery brought by the University.*

[Writ of King Henry VIII., dated at Westminster Feb. 18, 20th year of his reign, addressed to the Mayor and Bailiffs of Oxford, reciting the letters patent granted to the University of Oxford, April 1, 14th year of his reign.]

Endorsed on this writ by a cotemporary hand is the following note:—

"Nota, that this graunt and thys boke was repelyd by the comyn house, hyt apperyth by a bill passed the comyn house and sent up to the Lords, at a parlem^t holden in Westminster in anno regni Rs. H. VIIJ^o vicesimo secundo. And after y^t byll was passed, and sent

[25] This document is very much perished, so much so that it was impossible to decipher the whole of it. The text is therefore taken from Twyne.

up to the Lords, Mr. doctor Lynsey gat the copy of the same and made another bill by ht with a perviso, and put hyt into the comyn house, Will'm Fleming then being Mayor. *City Records.*

1529, April 3. *Precept from the University to their Bedels for summoning a Jury, in place of the Bailiffs of the City.*

Præceptum est superioribus Bedellis[26] Universitatis Oxon. quatenus venire faciant coram domino Cancellario clerico mercati assisæ et assaiæ sive ejus Commissario vel deputato apud Gildhalam villæ predicta decem et octo liberos et legales homines in mercandizis bone expertos de villa antedicta et suburbiis ejusdem ad faciendum et inquirendum ea quæ eis ibidem ex parte domini Regis injungentur, et quod iidem Bedelli habeant nomina et cognomina predict' decem et octo liberorum hominum coram dicto Cancellario sive ejus Commissario vel deputato die Sabbati proxim' futur' post dat' presentium pariter cum hoc prcepto apud Gildhalam predict' returnato. Dat' in Collegio Lyncoln sub sigillo nostri officii anno regni Regis Henrici VIII., 20 die vero mens' Aprilis, 3°.

Superscriptio

Factum est hoc preceptum secundum privilegia per Cardinalem Wolsey obtenta quæ sursum data sunt. *Twyne*, xiii. 237.

1529, May 31. *For conclucion of varyances betwene the Towne and th'unyversyte.*

Md at a Counsell holdyn in the Guyldehall the last day of May, in the xxjth yere of the reign of Kyng Henry VIIIth, William Flemyng, Mayre of the towne of Oxforde, wt the iiij Aldermen and Baylles ther beyng present, movyd the hole body of the towne of Oxforde, that my lorde Cardynalls grace hath put the matter in examynacion bytwen the Unyversite and the towne, before Syr Thomas More, Chaunceller of the ducche of Lancaster, to thentent that a perpetuall pesse shulde be made bytwen them for ever, and wolde that a letter of attorney shulde be made to the seyd William Flemyng, Mayre, and Will'm Falofelde, Bayllyffe, sealyd wt the common seale of the towne, to thentent that they shulde have full power and auctoryte to com'on and conclude of all suche debats and varyansys as ys and hath ben bytwen the Unyversite and the towne, and to stonde to all suche

[26] In consequence of the Bailiffs being superseded by the Bedels of the University in the precept for summoning a jury for the University Court Leet, the doors of the Guildhall were closed, and the University prevented from holding their court by the opposition of the Mayor and Bailiffs.

graunts and composycions as they shall make and consent to. And therto answeryth the hole body of the towne w^t one assent, and sayen that they in noe wyse wyll not consent to make noe letter of attorney, bout wyll be glad that the matter be had in communycation, so that it be not preiudicyall to the lybertyes and graunts gevyn to the Mayre and burges of the towne by dyvers the Kyngs progenytors, and confermyd by hys grace in the fyrst yere of his rayne; ffor by suche arbytrements in tymys past the Commyssary and Procters, and ther officers of the Unyversite hath usurpyd, and dayly usurpyth uppon the towne, of divers matters contrary to theyr composicions, ffor ther hath ben dyvers composicions made bytwen the vnyv'site and the towne bout they of the vnyv'site hath brokyn them, and yet daylly dothe brake in all poynts, and do not obserue nor kepe them, wherfore the hole body of the towne wylnot in noe wyse pout the matter in arbytrement, but desyeryth that my lorde grace wolbe good and gracious lorde unto the bourges and com'ons of the towne, and to lette them injoye all suche libertys and graunts as hath ben graunted to the Mayre and bourges of the towne in tymys past.

*This resolution is signed by the following townsmen :—*

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| Ric' Catton, | George Pykering, | Will'm Taylor, |
| Will'm Archer, | Raffe Syngylton, | John Williams, |
| Thos. Benet, | Henry Busby, | John Maderstun, |
| John Austen, | Wal Gover, | Thomas Elynghum, |
| Myhell Hethe, | Richard Wauklye, | T. Hewster, jun. |
| Thomas Fryer, | Thomas Monday, | Ric. Cotterell, |
| Wyll'm Fryer, | R. Flaxman, | John Belt, |
| John Hynam, | Will'm Banyster, | Ric. Wykested, |
| Cristover Haukyns, | Wyll'us Perry, | Robert Holbek, |
| Thomas Blovnt, | Edmond Ierishe, | Ric. Day, |
| Thomas Walker, | Wyllyam Clare, jun^r, | John Cowper, |
| Robert Carowe, | Will'm Pery, | Will. Coke, |
| Will'm Chamber, | R. Gounter, | Will'm Forest, |
| Will'm Symcoke, | John Brygeman, | John Leke, |
| Will'm Hewse, | Richard West Crosse, | Will'm Spenser, |
| John Pery of the croune, | Thomas Hewster, sen. | John Pye, bocher. |

A. 6.

1529, Sept. 26. *Ordinance concerning Thomas Freyre.*

M^d at a Counsell holden the xxvj day of September, in the xxj yere of Kyng Henry the VIIJ^th, hit enacteth and estabelyshed by the hole Counsell that Thomas Fryer shall sytte uppon the lefte hande of the Mayre uppon the benche in the corner ther, and he to were hys apparell at any tyme when hyt shall please hym; and he to paye iij^li of sterling money of Inglonde in manner and forme following, that ys to say, at the purificacion of o^r lady nexte commyng,

xx$^{s}$; and at the fest of Penticost than next folowing, xx$^{s}$; and at the fest of Saynt Mathew the Apostyl then next folowing, xx$^{s}$.

A. 1.

1529, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Michael Hethe.

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| *Bailiffs*, | William Perry, Richard Gounter. | *Common Council.* Robert Jermyn, William Smyth, Robert Cope, Henry Wylmot, William Sale. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Thomas Lambe, Thomas Ellingham. | |

*Alderman*, John Pye, *loco* Thomas Fryer.

1529, Dec. 20. *Presentation to the Chantry of the Holy Trinity.*

[Master Henry White, professor of pontifical law, presented by the Warden and Fellows of New College to the chantry of the Holy Trinity, All Saints, on the resignation of John Fyshe.] *Linc. Reg.*

[1529.] *The University of Oxford to Cardinal Wolsey, complaining of the conduct of the Townsmen.*

[But yet we cannot pass by in silence that the Mayor of the city and all the mob of townsmen, as they have been always hitherto hostile to us, so now particularly, by reason of the new privileges granted to us through the influence of your Highness by our most serene King, who is the most zealous defender alike of the faith and of learning, do not cease to bark and cry out and clamour, just as if they esteemed these privileges as being of little weight. So far is this the case that lately, when, according to our ancient custom, we had fixed to hold our court for the merchandise of all kinds of provisions, in the accustomed place of the Guildhall, by closing the doors, as if of set purpose they shut us out, the result of which was that our court was omitted; nor do they allege that they did this for any other reason, except that they suspected that we were about to manage the business according to the tenor of the new privileges. Since they have dared to break out so audaciously while you are alive and the King who is so gracious to us, it is to be feared that hereafter, when our University is deprived of such patrons, they will both more frequently and more virulently attack it, which would otherwise be wholly at rest and given up to study.]—[*Extract.*]

*Twyne*, xiii. 372.

$15\frac{29}{30}$, Jan. 28. *Proceedings in consequence of the Refusal of the Mayor and his brethren to take the oath to the University.*

Dominus Commissarius cum assistentibus sibi procuratoribus una cum compluribus magistris diversarum facultatum in templo virg' Mariæ ab hora x^ma^ usque ad semihoram post undecimam expectabant adventum Michaelis Heth, Maioris villæ Oxon. cum suis Aldermannis reliquisque burgensibus dictæ villæ qui erant admoniti legitimo per Bedellos secundum antiquam consuetudinem ut ad predictum locum inter horam decimam convenirent ad suscipiendum juramentum juxta privilegia et antiquas consuetudines hujus Almæ Universitatis. Quo cum aliquantum temporis expectassent, dictus Commissarius cum suis assistentibus antedictis, misit dictus Maior ad Commissarium literas per nuntios quarum nomina patent subscripta in hanc formam.

"Mr. Commissary, I w^th^ my brethren recommende us hertyly unto yow, and where as we supposide at o^r^ last meetynge together we shulde have drawen to a good lovynge ende as yt was agreyd, and now we se that ye use sych thyngs as was never seen, w^ch^ causithe men to marvell that ye take sich extreme ways, and where y^t^ was warned that we this daye wythe certen Burgesses of y^e^ Towne should cum to St. Mary's chyrche to take an othe, and as we purposyde to cum y^e^ send us an othe w^ch^ ys contrary to y^e^ othe that the Mayre hathe takyn yn y^e^ Kyngs exchequere, cause wherefore we be loth to renne yn danger off periurye. Thynke ye not that wee doo yt not for frawde, nether y^t^ we wyll refuse ytt, but yn so myche that y^e^ matter dependeth before y^e^ King ande ys consell, we desyer yow to have us excusyde tyll we knowe further."

Nuntii qui attulerunt litteras
Willielmus Pery, Ballivus,
Willielmus Banester,
Edmundus Iryshe,
Ricardus Flaxon.

Perlectis hisce litteris respondit Dominus Commisarius his verbis. "Notw^th^standinge this your letters, masters, commende me to Mr. Mayere, and shewe hym that I and this worshypfull company wyll tarry for hym tyll almost xij of y^e^ clocke; Yff yt shall plese hym to cum by that tyme, he shalbe wellcum, and so take his othe accordynge to y^e^ privileges of this Universitie and old custume."

Tandem cum post longam expectationem non comparuerunt, dic-

tus Commissarius cum magistris procuratoribus reliquisque dictis magistris sedens pro Tribunali fecit dictum majorem per Bedellum preconizari et vocari trina vice reliquosque oppidanos ut comparerent admonitos quemque suo nomine. Ad quam vocationem quibusdam respondentibus quorum nomina servantur notata in quadam rotula apud Acta, una cum cæteris citatis; Maior ipse neque per se neque per advocatum usquam comparuit neque maxima pars citatorum quibus peractis remisit dominus Commissarius ad dictum maiorem tres Bedellos, ut rursum admonerent ad antedictum juramentum suscipiendum quo facilius convinceretur ejus malitia. Postridie vero illius diei cum neque venissent dictus Maior cum reliquis dictis oppidanis, post longam expectationem prorogavit dictus Commissarius sedens pro tribunali cum assistentibus procuratoribus reliquisque magistris his verbis. Nos continuamus susceptionem juramenti maioris villæ nostræ usque ad diei lunæ proximi post hebdomadam horam decimam, et ad quemlibet diem seu horam citra si necesse fuerit ad convincendam ejus malitiam vigilia Stæ. Scholasticæ Maior cum Aldermannis, cumque reliquis Burgensibus suis secundum morem antiquum in choro templi virginis Mariæ accepit jus jurandum seu præstitit habita (pro mora) concione per dominum Commissarium.

Postridie ejus diei (h.e.) ipso festo Divæ Scholasticæ, etiam pro veteri consuetudine habuerunt dictus Maior cum suis missam solennem, in qua obtulerunt pro more. [ex registro H.]

*Twyne*, xvii. 310.

1530, April 1. *For the Belman.*

M^d^ at the foresaid Covnsell it is enacted and establyshed by the hole Covncell that John Townysende, nowe beinge Belman, shal have, occupie, and enioye the office of Belmanshippe during hys lyfe, and he shall geve hys attendanse unto the Mayres every yerre as of olde tyme hath ben vsed and accostomed. And yff the seyd John Townysende doe not hys duttye as of olde tyme belman hath ben usyd to doe, that than to have ij monycions, and yf he doe not hys duttye that than he at the iij^de^ monicion to be clerly expoulsed out of the seyd office for ever.

[John Townysend, now belman, to occupy the office during his life or good behavior.] A. 4 b.

1530, April 1. *Appointment of the Keeper of Bocardo.*

[Richard Edys, nowe Keper of Bockardowe, to enjoy the kepershippe of Bocardowe during life or good behaviour.] A. 5 b.

1530, April 14. *Note for apparel.*

M^d at a Covnsell holden the xiiij day of Aprell, in the xxij yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij^th. It is enacted and establyshed by the hole Covnsell that every person that hathe ben bayllyffe or chamberlyn of the Towne of Oxford, shall have a crymsen gowne of hys owne to wayte uppon M^r. Mayre at precession on assencion day next commyng, and he that makythe defalte to forfeyt x^ls to be p^d to the coffer of fyve lockys. And that every one of the Common Counsell to have ageynst the same daye a Goune of mourrey, and he that makythe defalte to forfeyte xxvj^s viij^d to be payd as is aforesayd, or ells theyr bodys to remayne in pryson tyll the money be payd. A. 6 b.

1530, April 14. *To take Money forth of the Cofur.*

M^d that the day and yere above wretten it was agreed by the hole Counsell, that M^r. Mayre and the Aldermen shall take out of Dame Margret Northernys coffer as moche money as shall be convenyent spent for the sutte betwyxt the Towne and the Unyversite. A. 6 b.

1530, May 12. *Oseney Abbey Lease to the Principal and Fellows of Brasenose of the Lands and Houses occupying the site of their College.*

The abbot and convent of Oseney dimiseth to the Principall of the Kinges Hall and College of Brasennose, in Oxon, these their messuages, viz. one of old time called Aylnott, otherwise called Haburdashershall, with all gardyns, lands, tenements, and hereditaments which they have, abuttinge uppon y^e east part on a tenement of Mawdlyn College, nowe in the tenure of James Colynson, yeoman, bedell of art; and on the west part, on a tenement of All Soules College; and on the south part, to y^e Highstret; and on y^e north part, to a gardyn belonginge to Littell Edmunde Hall, otherwise called Lucyworth, with all gardyns, lands, tenements, hæreditaments which the sayde abbott and convent have abuttinge upon the east parte of the Scole stret; uppon the west part, on a gardyn belonginge to All Soules Coll., now in the tenure of William Chamberlaine, glover; and upon the south, on a gardyn of S^r John Porte, Knight, Justice of the Kinges Bench; and on the north part, on a gardyn where lately stoode an hall called Salysburyhall, and nowe belonginge to y^e Kingeshall and College of Brasennose aforesaide, in length and bredth after y^e whole boundes and metys. And also their tene-

ments, one called Glasyn Hall, otherwise called Pylletts, w^th^ gardyns, landes, tenements, and hereditaments abuttinge uppon the west part on the Schole stret; on the south part, that is extendinge from the Schole stret to All Soule College; and on the north, on a gardyn wher lately stoode y^e^ Stapull Hall; and on the east, on a tenement belonginge to Oriall College, and a tenement belongynge to Richard Wotton, Esquyer, Bedyll of Divinity, and y^e^ other tenement thence called Blackehall, otherwise called Belewe, abuttinge uppon the west on y^e^ Schole stretes, and on y^e^ south on a garden where lately stode y^e^ Stapell Hall; on the north, on a schole and a gardyn belonginge to University College; and on the east, on a house of Rich. Wotton aforesayde, to have and to hold the sayd tenements for the term of every 4 score and 16 yeres to four score and 16 years for ever, for 3^li^ 9^s^ 8^d^ yearely rent. Dated 12 May in the 22 year of Henry y^e^ viij^th^.[27] *Twyne*, xxiii. 126.

1530, May 16. *Proceedings in the University Court against William Pery and Richard Gunter, Bailiffs of Oxford, for closing the doors of the Guildhall, and preventing the holding of a Court Leet by the University, under the Charter granted at the instance of Cardinal Wolsey.*

xvj^o^ die mensis Maii, Willielmus Pery unus ex Ballivis villæ Oxon ex officio judicis interrogatus quare juxta antiquam consuetudinem a toto tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit legitime usitat' nec non juxta privilegia Indulta ut libertates Illustrissimorum prin-

[27] The note by Twyne, as to the situation of these ancient halls and boundaries absorbed by Brasenose College, is as follows:—

"Haberdasher Hall, that is now the tenement of Almond, and the next house to it on the south side of Brasenose, and it is lett by the name of Haberdasher Hall to this day. The portion of the reserved rent upon this hall amounted to 36^s^ 8^d^.

"Salysbury Hall, that is the backeside nowe of Brasenose Coll., on the south part thereof where the hall court is. Salisyrry, or Salysbury Hall, is described in a deed dated 16 Rich. 2, as being in the parish of St. Mary, between 'le Brasynnose on the north, and the entry of Juliana Glasier on the south.'

"Littell Edmund Hall, that is the little old buildinge on y^e^ south side of Brasennose Coll., over against St. Maries church yard, 13^s^ 4^d^ of the above rent was reserved upon this hall.

"Brasenose Hall quite extinguished, for it stood just in y^e^ place where now Brasennose Coll. quadrangle is.

"Littell University Hall stood there also, and for the same cause is quite extinguished.

"Blackhall, y^e^ uppermost old buildinge over against Brasennose Coll., namely, on y^e^ east side thereof, and next to the newe scholes.

"Staple Hall, y^e^ next old buildinge to that, y^e^ garden whereof belongeth to the Principall of Brasennose.

"Glasyn Hall, *alias* Pyllets, is the littell old buildinge nowe Brasennose College stables.

"St. Mary Entre also was demolished, and laid into Brasennose Coll. quadrangle;" it ran in a straight line with St. Mary's churchyard, and had an exit south of Lincoln College.—*Twyne*, xxiii. 127.

cipum Regum Angliæ retroactis temporibus domino Cancellario hujus universitatis nec non aliis inibi studentibus gratiose concess' ad quorum observationem quotannis sunt Majores, Ballivi ac alii Oppidani villæ Oxon jurati, die Sabbati ultimo elapso vetuerunt introitum domini Cancellarii in eorum prætorio h. e. in loco ubi solebant tenere curias infringendo et violando eo facto privilegia domino Cancellario et aliis studentibus in dicta universitate concess' ac impediendo ejus jurisdictionem quo minus more solito poterat tenere curiam in dicta Aula ac alia expedire quæ ad ejus officium spectabant et pertinebant, non metuentes ipso facto incurrere reatum perjurii in grave animæ eorum præjudicium ; qui respondebat quod accepit in mandatis a magistro Hethe Majore villæ Oxon arcere ingressum domini Commissarii et precludere eidem viam ingrediend' locum prefat' Anglicè their common house ; quo facto Judex quia Ricardus Gunter collega dicti Pery et alter ex Ballivis villæ Oxon non erat presens duxit supersedend' in prefat causa ad ejus adventum.

*Richard Gunter excommunicated for contumacy.*

Ricardus Gunter alter Ballivorum ob suam contumaciam in non comparendo alio tempore suspenditur ab ingressu ecclesiæ, circa idem negotium Willielmo Watts capellano seculari divi Martini publice in ecclesia hanc suspensionem denuntianto. *Twyne*, xxiv. 385, 6.

1530, Aug. 5. *Proceedings in the University Court against the Mayor.*

[*A° D'ni* 1530], *Acta 5° die Augusti in ecclesia B. Mariæ Virginis coram magistro Martino Lyndsey Commisar' deputat'.*

Officium domini contra Michaelem Hethe, majorem Oxon., in causa violationis privilegiorum.

Quo die et loco comparuit coram nobis Ricardus Wotton, Bedellus superior S. Theol. et certificavit virtute sui juramenti se personaliter citasse Michaelem Hethe villæ Oxon, quatenus compareret coram nobis his die et loco ad respondendum certis articulis ex officio nostro mero eidem objiciend' et ministrand' quare viz. quod libertates et privilegia Universitatis Oxon juxta suum juramentum universitati præstitum debite non observaverit certificavit insuper dictum Michaelem Hethe expressé et pertinaciter respondisse se non fuisse aliquem ex pueris domini Commissarii : posteaque iterum eodem modo interrogatum respondesse se nolle venire sed negotia aliunde expedienda habere ; unde ex ejus manifesta et notoria contumacia eundem Michaelem die et loco prefix' preconizat' diutius expectat'

et non comparent' pronuntiavimus contumacem et in pœnam contumaciæ suæ hujusmodi decrevimus ipsum excommunicand', quem excommunicavimus in scriptis rursus decrevimus eundem citand' fore erga diem lunæ proxim' hora 9ª ante meridiem ad allegandum quare contra eum ad graviora procedere non debemus.

1530, Aug. 8. *Acta habit' 8° die Augusti in ecclesia B. Mar' Virginis Oxon coram Mg'ro D'co Lyndsey Commissar' deputat'.*

Quo die et loco Jacobus Edmonds Bedellus inferior facultatis legum certificavit virtute sui juramenti præstiti officio quod 6° die Augusti viz. die Sabbati ultimo elapso asportabat litteras excommunicationis emanat' contra Michaelem Hethe ad Mrm Pottrel substitut' Mri Blacmore Rectoris parochialis Divæ Ebbæ Oxon. et in dicta ecclesia Divæ Ebbæ easdem litteras excommunicationis prefato Mro Pottrel tradidit in presentia Michaelis Hethe mandantis Mro Pottrell exire dictam ecclesiam Divæ Ebbæ dicen' insuper quod non debet dicere in dicta ecclesia aliqua divina officia et sic impediebat eo tempore executionem dictarum litterarum. Deinde idem Jacobus certificavit quod dict' die Sabbati in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum Oxon. inter vesperarum solennia Dominus Nicholus Renney curatus dictæ ecclesiæ denuntiabat Michaelem Hethe excommunicatum rursusque eundem citabat ut compareret coram nobis die lunæ proxim' sequente aliaque omnia faciebat quæ in nostro mandato continebantur: postea Henricus Hammon clericus tactis sacrosanctis Evangeliis se fuisse presentem in ecclesia S. Ebbæ Oxon. 7° die Augusti viz. die dominico ult' elapso cum Mr. Pottrell substitut' Mri Blackmore rectoris prefat ecclesiæ S. Ebbæ denuntiabat Michaelem Hethe excommunicat' aliaque faciebat quæ continebantur in dictis litteris excommunicationis: deinde facta precognizatione quia dictus Michael non comparuit nos pronuntiamus ipsum contumacionem et in pœnam contumaciæ suis hujusmodi decrevit aggravationem excommunicationis contra dictum Michaelum Hethe.

1530, Aug. 31. *Acta habita coram Magistre Doctore Lyndsey, Commissar' deputat' in ecclesia Conventuali fratrum Carmelitarum penultimo die mensis Augusti A°. ut supra.*

Quo die et loco comparuit coram Judice sedente pro Tribunali Michael Hethe, Maior villæ Oxon qui humiliter petiit absolutionem a sententia excommunicationis in eum propter suam contumaciam litæ, quod Judex promptus et paratus erat facere si dictus Michael

secundum formam juris volebat præstare juramentum corporale de stando juri et parend' mandatis ecclesiæ quod dictus Michael expressa facere recusabat. Judex tamen ad convincendum ejus malitiam ex speciali gratia ipsum tunc et ibidem absolvebat in præsentia Magistri Hugoni Morgan, Legum domini ac Johannis Pye aldermanni villæ Oxon. *Twyne*, xxiv. 386, 387.

[1530.] *Petition of the Town of Oxford against the Acts of the University.*

TO THE KYNG OWR SOVEREYNE LORD.

In ther most humble wyse sewe unto your hyghnes, your oraturrs the Mayar and Cominaltye of your towne of Oxford the grevys iniurys and damages comyttyd and done as well unto the said Cominaltye and inhabitantts of the sayd towne, as also unto other your gracys subiects, repeyryng unto the same as in dyvers articles herafter folowyth.

1. The sayd Chaunseler, hys Deputt's, and Scolers, have now of late dayes usyd by ther extort and myghty power to suspend, excommunicat, banych, and wrongfully to imprison the inhabitants of the sayd towne as hyt pleasyth them, w^t^owt any good grownd or cause, and directly agaynst your graces lawys of thys your realme, wherunto your sayd subiects and inhabitants of the sayd towne ar inheritable. In consideracon of all whiche the premisses, the sayd Mayar and Cominaltie in ther most humble wyse besechen your hyghnes that reformacon may be had of the said premisses, and that thei may peasable have, use and inioy the benefyte of your said lawes, soo that from hensforthe thei may not be excommunicat, banychyd, nor wrongfully imprysonyd, nor your sayd towne contrari to your sayd lawys of thys your realme. And that soche persons as soo of late have byn excommunicat, banychyd, and wrongfully imprisonyd, may have some condygne recompens as unto good concyens, equitye, and justice hyt may apperteyne.

Item, on Marten Lynsey, Depute to Chaunseler of the sayd Universite, the iiij day of August, the xxij yere of your most noble rayne, causyd on Michell Hethe, then beyng Mayer of the sayd towne, to be opynly denownsyd and publichyd excommunicat in every pariche churche of Oxford aforsayd; and also denownsyd and publichyd al those to be excommunicat and acursyd wheche shuld ete, drynk, or company w^t^ the sayd Mayar, by reason wherof the sayd Mayar, avoydyng of further inconveniens, avoydyd forthe of the sayd towne.

Item, on John Cottysford, Comisari of the sayd Universitye, sent a cytacon to on Wylliam Flemyng, then beyng Mayar, to appere before hym for the mere helthe of hys sowll; and when the sayd Wylliam Flemyng apperyd before the sayd Comysari, he commaundyd hym to swere uppon a boke to make trew answere to all soche articles as the same Comysari ther wolde sey unto hym. And the sayd Will'm Flemyng, for fere of censurrs of the Churche, toke a othe accordyng to hys commaunde. And then the sayde Comysari ther demandyd of hym dyvers questuons concernyng the Kyngs lawday, that is to sey, what persons shuld be indityd there, w$^{t}$ dyvers other questions not nesesari nor convenyent to be to hym disclosyd. And in lyke maner the sayd Comysari comenly dothe use other of your graces subiects and inhabitants of the sayd towne, to ther gret trowble, inquietacon, and damages.

Item, the sayd John Cottysford send for on George Reve, wheche ys a comen servant of the Mayar, and w$^{t}$owt good grownd or cause compellyd hym to be sworne uppon a boke to certen articles, and when he was sworne, amongest other articles he chargyd the sayd Reve to take hym selfe as a banichyd manne. And aftyr that, the sayd John Cottysford causyd a bannychem$^{t}$ to be pronownsyd agaynst the sayd George Reve, and to be set up oponly uppon a wall, the tenur of wheche banychem$^{t}$ herafter insuythe, "Be hyt knowen to all men," &c.

Item, the Proctors of the Universitye use to take dyverse tymys suspect persons, som for manslawghter, som for robberi, som for rape, and other felonys and offences, and delyver them w$^{t}$owt any processe of your lawys.

Item, the sayd Comysari hathe of late dayys usyd, when a scolers servant or privylegyd person ow any money to on of the inhabitant of the sayd towne, or commit any trespas to any of the sayd inhabitantts, to commit hym to ward, to have the det ys owing, or to have the s$^{d}$ trespas ys done, agaynst all reason, equitye, and justice. *Twyne.*

[1530-31.] *Complaynts of manye offences by the Universytye. The Controversy betwene the Towne and Universytie.*

Memorand' that the xij day of July, in the xviij yere of the reigne of o$^{r}$ Soverayn lorde King Henry the viij, on Thomas Flewyd, prest, dyd ravyshe one Joane Fenne, servaunt to Thomas Wylcocks, of Oxford. And by cause that the sayd Joane was not of laufull age, for she was under xij yerys, the sayd Thomas Flewyd dyd coutte her, and w$^{t}$in a quarter of a yere after the sayd Joane dyed, and

Thomas Bourton and John Ball, that tyme being Proctors, dyd attache the sayd Thomas Flewed, and pout hym in pryson, and ther kepte hym by the space of xxj days, and after that delyverd hym w$^{t}$out any farther processe of the Kyng's lawes.

M$^{d}$ that the xviij day of Februarii, the xix$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of o$^{r}$ Souerayn lorde the Kyng that nowe is, oon Artur Cole that tyme being Proctor of the Universitie, toke oon John Roppe, skynner, and pout hym in pryson, by cause he wolde not graunt to paye to the Comyssarye and Proctors xx$^{s}$ by force of a corporacion by them made to the skynners, and ther kepte hym by the space of iij wekys and more, soe that the sayd John Roppe noe wyse could be delivered out of prison unto the tyme that he dyd agree w$^{t}$ the Comysary, which is John Cottysford, and soe he was fayne to borowe x$^{s}$ to geve hym, or ells he shulde remayn styll in prison, which corporacion is contrary to the Kyng's lawse. (Article 5.)

Item, that the xxviij day of Februarii, in the xix yere of the reigne of o$^{r}$ Souerayn lorde the Kyng that nowe is, oon John Wells, servaunt to Artur Cole, Proctor of the Universitie, made a ffraye uppon oon George Willison, of the Towne of Oxford, taylor, and soe strake hym thourowe the lefte arme w$^{t}$ a dager, soe that yf one Thomas Kyng had not ben in companye, the sayde George had ben slayne; and incontynent after that the foresayd Proctor and hys servaunt cam to the dwelling howse of the sayde George, and ther toke hym out, and so brought hym to pryson, and ther kepte hym by the space of viij days, to hys gret hynderans and cost, and w$^{t}$out any good justyce. (Article 6.)

Item, the last daye of Februarii, An$^{o}$ predict', Artur Cole, Proctor of the Unyversite of Oxford, called before hym on Thomas Phillipps, taylor, and commytted hym to pryson by cause he wold not paye hym xvj$^{s}$, according to the corporacion made bytwen the Commysary and Proctors of the Unyversite of that on partye, and the taylors of that other partye, and soe ther kepte hym in prison vj dayse, whiche corporacion is contrarye to the Kyng's graceis lawes. (Article 7.)

Item, that John Cottysforde, Commysarye of the Unyversitie, send unto William Clare the elder, bochar, and commaundyd hym to sende hym the hogge that he had dressed, and soe according to hys commaundment the sayd William Clare brought the hogge unto the sayd Commysarye, and soe he put it to on Jamys Edmonds, on' of hys bedylls to sell and soe ther it was solde, which hogge cost v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$, and the sayd Clare had never peny for hyt. (Article 8.)

Item, that on Richard Ewar depute to oon Water Boucler, Proctor of the Unyversite dyd attache oon Harry Walton, servaunt to John Avsten, Alderman of the Towne of Oxford, for fornicacion doon by

the sayde Harry at Wytneye, ix miles out of Oxford, wt a woman which he was sure unto, and soe wold have pout hym in prison onles he wolde geve hym vjs viijd for a bribe. And he had not on peny to geve hym. And than he wolde have hym fynde hym surtye to paye hym vjs viijd. And theruppon the sayde Richard Ewer sent hys servaunt wt the sayd Harry Walton to hys master, and shewyd hym that he was callyd before the Proctor for vjs viijd, that he was indetted to a certen person. And theruppon the sayde John Avsten becam surtye for the payment of the foresayd vjs viijd to be payd by a certen daye, at which daye the sayde Richard Ewer cam to the foreseid John Avsten for the vjs viijd, and soe he payde hym. (Article 9).

Item, wher a Commysion was directed ffrom the King's grace is councell unto the Mayer and Bayllyffs of the Towne of Oxford to make serche in every howse for tabylls, cardys, dysse, and boulls, upon which commaundment the Mayer commaundyd the constabylls in every warde to make serche and gether all suche tabylls, cards, and other afore rehersed, and to bring them to the market place on the market daye, and there to be brent, according to the Tenure of the Commyssion. And theruppon oon Marten Lindsey, depute to John Cottysford, Commysarye of the Unyversite, commaundyd the Constabylls to bring before hym all suche tabylls, dysse, and cards that wer any Scollers servaunts uppon payne of imprisoment, and soe the sayd Marten Lyndsey delyvered all suche tabylls, dysse and cards that wer Scollers servaunts to them agayne noe thing regarding the Kyng's commaundment. (Article 10.)

Md that the 21 daye of Aprell, in the xxth yere of the reigne of or Soverayn lorde the King that nowe ys, Marten Lindsaye, depute to John Cottysford, Commissarie of the Unyversite, sent to William Clare the elder, bochar, and commaundyd hym to send hym the quarter of the beffe, which he bought of Richard West Crosse of Oxford, sadler, which Richard bought halfe a beffe of Richarde Motts servaunt of Wodstocke, by cause he coulde not sell it in the market, for that he stode in the strette and it rayned soe faste that daye. And soe according to the commaundement of the sayd Marten Lyndsey, the sayd William Clare brought the quarter of beffe before hym. And than he sayde thes words, Clare, thou hast forfayted thy quarter of beffe, and soe exstorciously toke hyt from hym, and dyd ette it in Lingcolne College, and never payd for it. (Article 11.)

Item, that John Cottysfor, Commysarye of the Unyversite, dyd take ij persons which had robbyd Lingcolne Colle, wherof he is rector, in plate to the valewe of xxti marks, which ij persons he

kepte in hys howse, and ther made a prysoner, and leyde them in stocks and irrons, and never delyvered them to the Kyng's gayle, according to the Kyng's grace is lawes, and ther kepte them duryng hys plesure, and after delyvered them, the Kyng's lawes to them not mynesteryd. (Article 16.)

Item, William Falofelde, of the Towne of Oxford, merser, delyvered to on Thomas Foster, of the said Towne of Oxford, caryar, xxij$^{li}$ iij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$ in money, to delyver to certen merchaunts in London to whom he dyd owe it to, and soe the sayd Thomas Foster sayde that hys servaunt dyd goe away w$^{t}$ it. And so the sayde William Falofelde dyvers tymes demaundyd hys money of the foresayd Thomas Foster, and so promysed hym to take awaye w$^{t}$ hym for the payment of hys money. And theruppon the sayd Thomas Foster callyd the sayd Falofelde before John Cottysford, Commysary of the Unyversite, and when he cam before hym, he send him the sayd W. Falofelde to pryson, and ther kepte hym viij dayse, and soe compellyd hym to be bound in a obligacion, and iiij surtyes w$^{t}$ hym, in xl$^{li}$, that he shuld not sue the sayde Thomas Foster out of the Unyversitie, wherby the sayd William Falofelde hathe lost above x$^{li}$, to hys gret hynderans. (Article 22.)

Item, that wher oon Thomas Jonys, felowe of Alsolne College in Oxford dothe owe unto William Falofelde, certen sommes of money, for the whiche money the sayd William hathe a byll of the sayde Thomas Jonys hande, which money the seyd Thomas Jonys wolde have payde a thys tyme. And soe John Cottysford, Commysarye of the Unyversite, commaundyd the sayd Thomas Jonys uppon hys othe to paye hym never a peny, which is w$^{t}$out consyens or lawe, and moreover commandyd the sayd Thomas Jonys to aske a terme in theyr lawe, and he wolde geve it hym, whiche terme ys that the sayd Thomas Jonys shulde bynde the foreseyd William Falofelde before hym, that he shulde not sue hym out of the Unyversite, and the seid Thomas Jonys sayde he wolde not soe bynde hym, bout wolde gladly pay hym hys money, bout only for the Commysarye. (Article 23.)

M$^{d}$ that John Cottysford, Commysarie of the Unyversite, dyd send for oon William Falofelde, of Oxford, and demaundyd of hym who gave hym leve to sell wyne, and soe he answerde and sayde, w$^{t}$ the leve of God and King Harry he wold sell wyne, for he was a freeman of the Towne, and payd hys dewttys to the Gylde merchaunt of the same Towne; wherfor he sayd w$^{t}$ the licens of hys Mayor he wold occupye any merchandyse w$^{t}$in the sayde Towne of Oxford w$^{t}$out intrrupcion or lette of any person or persons. And then the sayd Commysarie sayde unto the sayd William Falofelde

that he wolde teche hym to knowe of whom he shulde aske leve, and theruppon commytted hym to prison, and ther to remayne tyll hys plesure was to sende for hym, and soe ther he remayned by the space of iij days. (Article 24.)

Item, the sayd John Cottysford, Commysarie, a nother tyme send for the foresayd William Falofelde, and demaundyd of hym a dewtty that he shulde geve hym a pynt of wyne of every hogyshed that he dyd sette a broche, for hys taste. And the sayd William answerd and sayd that he knewe noe suche deutty to be had, yf he knowe it he wolde gladly geve it. And theruppon the sayd Commysarye sayd he wolde make hym knowe that it was hys dewtty, and soe send hym to pryson; and soe ever sens, for fere of imprysonment the sayd William Falofelde hathe send hym wyne when he send for it, which is to the gret losse and hynderans of the sayd William Falofelde. (Article 25.)

M^d^ that John Cottysford, Commysarie of the Unyversite, did send ij bedylls of the Unyversite w^t^ a citacion, and cited William Flemyng in hys owne howse, he than being Mayre of the Towne of Oxford, to apere before hym at Saynt Mary's churche, for the yere helthe of hys solle, as it apperithe by the coppy of the citacion. And whan the sayd William Flemyng cam before the sayd Commysarie, he commaundyd hym to swere apon a boke, and to answer to all suche artycles as shulde ther be layde to hym. And soe for fere of sensurys of the Churche, the sayd William Flemyng toke the othe, and than and ther the sayd Commysarie wolde have had hym dysclose openly to hym suche thyngs as was done at the Kyng's lawe daye, holden before the Mayer and Aldermen, and other offycers, w^t^ many other thyngs whiche was layde to hys charge, as it shall appere by a byll of ther Regysters hande.

M^d^ that the fyrst day of Marche last past, which was schrove tewysday [1530] at mydnyght, ther cam certen persons and brake a large glasse wyndoe of William Flemyngs, Alderman of the Towne of Oxford, and w^t^in xv nyghtts after at mydnyght ther came the same companye or other, and ther brake the glasse of another wyndowe of x lyghtts paynted w^t^ byrds. And that nyght it was proved that the ij Proctors servaunts walkyd w^t^ other persons as plesyd them, and theyr maisters walkyd not nor noe other for them. (Article 19.)

M^d^ that on Thomas Fowle cam to Oxford the xxiij^ti^ day of December, an^o^ xxj^o^ H. VIII., to a kynseman of hys, and which is mansebyll of Alborn halle in Oxford. And soe the sayd Thomas solde a horse, sadyll and brydyll, and a payre of botts to oon Gawyn Norres, servaunt to Jamys Edmondys, Bedyll of the Unyversite, for

xxv$^{s}$. And so Artur Cole and Thomas Lorgen that tyme being Proctors of the Unyversite, toke the sayd Thomas and wolde have pout hym in pryson. And soe theruppon the sayd mansebyll, hys kynseman, desyred the foresayd Proctors to geve hym leve to goe feche hys tryall, and soe becam surtye that he shulde come agayne, and to bring proffe wher he bought the horse, yf not, that than he shulde paye to the foresayd Proctors the xxv$^{s}$ which the sayd Thomas Foulle had for the horse, and soe the sayd Thomas never cam agayne to make tryall whar he bought the horse. And so the forsayd Proctors requyrd the foreseyd xxv$^{s}$ of the mansebyll, which yf it wer provyd that it wer a ffelons goodds, that it remayne to the Bayllyffs of the Towne of Oxford in parte of theyr fee ferme and not to the Proctors.

Item, that John Cottysford, Commysarie of the Unyversite, dyd swerre one Jamys Car uppon a boke that he shulde not obeye the Mayer of the Towne of Oxford, nor the Byllyffs, nor noe other of the Kyngs officers, but only the officers of the Unyversite. (Article 20.)

M$^{d}$ that the xiij day of August last past, at ix of the clocke in the nyght, oon Akers, Master of Arts, of the Cardynall Colle, John Wells and William Banyster, the Proctors servaunts, made asalte uppon John Redshawe, on of the Kyngs constabylls, and John Hoggeson of Oxford, glover, they stondyng at the dore of the sayd John Hoggeson, they havyng no weppen, ther them dyd bette, and the sayd John Hoggeson dyd sore wounde and mayne, and immedyatly the same nyght oon Julyan Wylkys was murdered and robbed in her owne house, and that same tyme the Proctors servaunts wer sene in the strette. (Article 27.)

M$^{d}$ the xvj day of August last past, David Thomas, baker, and Roger Welse, glover, confessed before the Mayor and Aldermen that John Welse, the Proctors servaunt, sayde in hys howse unto them thes words folowyng: I am sory that John Hoggeson ys so sore hurte, I wolde it had ben uppon the constabyll, thought it had ben worse. (Article 28.)

Item, the foreseyd daye and yere at nyght, aboutts on of the clocke, certen persons unknowen cast stonys at William Fryars wyndosse, oon of the Aldermen of the Towne of Oxford, and the sayd William askyd them why they dyd soe, and uppon that on shotte a sheffe arrowe at hym which stacke faste in the wyndowe. (Article 29.)

Item, wher that oon Gawyn Norres, serveunt to Jamys Edmonds, on of the bedylls of the Unyversite, was arrested uppon certen felonye by hym don to oon William Norres of Oxford, merser, and theruppon indycted, and Marten Lyndsey depute to John Cottysford, Commysarye of the Unyversite, dyd feche hym out of pryson

by theyr halfe seayll, which nowe we perceyve ys not lauffull. And the sayd Gawyn goythe at large and hathe doon thys xij monethys and more, and not the Kyngs lawes admynstered to hym, no justic don, by reason wherof he nowe goythe a robbing aboutt the countreye. (Article 26.)

Md that John Cottysford, Comisarye of the Unyversite, the xxti day of Marche, xx yere of the reigne of or Soverayn lorde the Kyng that nowe ys, called before hym oon Thomas Ellingham of Oxford, and wolde not suffer hym to occupye the occupacion of brown bakers, wtout he wolde give hym xxs, and so for by cause he wolde not lette hys occupying he payde the foresayd John Cottysford the xxs, which was to the grette hynderance and losse of the sayd Thomas Ellingham, and also it ys contrarye to the Kyngs graceis lawes. And the sayd John Cottysforde wylnot suffer noe brewer nor baker to enter and to occupy theyr occupacions off brewers and bakers crafts wtin the Towne of Oxford, and ye suburbs of the same, wtout he or they paye to him for hys or theyr admission to the sayd occupacions xxs. (Article 12.)

Md that the iiij day of August, the xxijti yere of the reigne of or Soverayn lord the Kyng that now ys, Marten Lyndesey, depute to John Cottysford, Commysarie of the Unyversitie of Oxford, sent iij Bedylls to Michaell Hethe, Mayr of the Kyngs grace ys Towne of Oxford, and commaundyd hym to appere beffore him at Saynt Mary's Churche as on the vj day of August than next folowyng, and ther to shew why he shuld not be perjured and uppon that excommynycate; and the sayd Mayar then demaundyd the massynggers what was the cause, and they answerd that they could not tell, and than the sayd Michaell Hethe sayd unto the sayd massynggers recommaund me unto yor master, and shewe hym I am here in thys Towne, the Kyngs graceis lyvetenaunt, for lacke of a better, and I knowe noe cause why I shulde appere before hym, I know hym not for my ordenary yf ther be any cause concernyng betwen the Unyversite and the Towne, I wylbe glad to mete hym at a place convenyent whiche was assignyd by my lorde and Suffolks grace. And by cause that the Mayer dyd not appere at the place lymeted, the same Marten Lynsey causyd the sayd Michell Hethe to be denownsyd and puplychyd excommunicate in every pariche church in Oxford, the sayd Marten Lyndesey did also excommunicate and accursse all those persons which after the same excommunication shuld ette or drynke a companye wt hym. (Article 1.)

Item, that John Cottysford, Commysarye of the Unyversite, the ij Proctors wt theyr servaunts, and dyvers other persons, did wt forse

stoppe and take awaye x semys of see fyshe from Richard Yong, repyer, and pyched them in the parishe of Saynt Mary's, and ther sette it to sale by hys bedylls and ther wyves, and so kepte the market ther, contrarye to the olde custome which hathe ben usyd tyme out of mynde of man. And that same tyme the sayd Comysarye dyd send hys bedylls and servaunts to the howses of William Chamber and John Redshawe, and dyd take out theyr oysters that they had bought, and brought to the sayd place and sold it at theyr owne pleasures. (Article 15.)

M^d^ that the vj daye of December last passed, John Cottysford, Commysarye, and the ij Proctors of the Unyversite, sent for on Richard Gounter, that tyme beyng oon of the Bayllyffs of the Towne of Oxford, and wolde have had hym sworne to privyleges of the Unyversite, which was repoungnaant to the othe that he toke to the Kyngs grace for the executyng of hys office. And theruppon the sayd Commysarye and Proctors, w^t^ the hedds of the Unyversite, called a counsell in Saynt Mary's Churche, and ther dyscoumenyd hym, and commaunded all the mansebylls, cocks, and all others of the Unyversite, that they shulde nother bye nor sell w^t^ hym. In so moche that he had watered . . . . lyngs and saltfyshe, and brewed xxx^ti^ quarters malt which they had warnyd for, and so they wold not receyve theyr ale at the tyme it was sent to them, which was to the gret hurt, losse, and hynderance of the sayd Richard Gounter.

Item, that the Commysarye dothe take iiij^d^ for the sale of every horse-lode of freshe samon, and a j^d^ of every seme of fresshe heryngs, which is exstorcyon.

Item, the bedylls of the Unyversite dothe yerely gether for ale waytts of brewers, inholders, and typlers w^t^in the Towne of Oxford and the suburbys of the same to the valewe of vij^li^, which is to fynde a preste for to singe and pray for the welthe of the Unyversite.

Item, the vj day of October last past in the nyght, oon Hughe Frankelyn, the Kyngs Constabyll, about ix of the clocke in the same nyght, harde certen onthryfty persons brekyng of the Kyngs pesse in the howsse of oon William Rawlyns, and ther them dyd arrest and was goyng w^t^ them to the Kyngs pryson, and as sone as he came forthe of the door of the sayd William Ravlyns, oon . . . . . Akers, a Master of Arte, late of the Cardynalls Colledge, dyd bed the Constabyll stonde to the Proctor, and so the Constabyll askyd whiche ys the Proctor, and ther w^t^all the sayd . . . . . Akers bed hys companye stryke hym downe, and so they stroke hym downe, and hym dyd sore woundyd and hurt.

Item, that wher the Kyng o^r^ Soverayn lord that nowe is, and hys

most noble progenytors Kyngs of Ingland, hathe graunted by theyr letters patents under theyr grette seales ij lawe days in the yere unto the Mayer and Burgeses of the Towne of Oxford, at which ij lawes dayes all inhabitants w^t^in the same Towne shulde doe sute, and so it ys all suche skollers servaunts of the Unyversite be sufficiently warned by the Kyngs constabylls to appere at every suche lawe day, the sayd skollers servaunts nothing regardyng the Kyngs lawes, dothe not appere nor wyl not come to be sworne to the Kyngs grace nor his lawes.

Item, John Cottysford, Commysary of the Unyversite, dyd send one James Edmonds, one of the bedylls of the Unyversite unto the howse of one Edmond Stafford, of Oxford, glover, and so the sayd James w^t^ force enterd into hys howse, he being not at home, and toke out of the same house a fether-bed and other stuffe, and also brake uppe hys coffer, and ther toke out certen payres of shetts and other things, and them feloniously dyd take and carye awaye agyanst the Kyngs pesse. (Article 4.)

Item, the xviij day of November, in the xxiij^tie^ yere of Kyng Henry the viij^th^, John Cottysford, Commyssarye, set . . . . Clarke of the market w^t^ John Nyxson, bedyll, to the stall of William Shyyne, bocher, and toke awaye a q^r^ter of beffe and caryed it to Carfoxse, and brent it, which was wholsome for manys body as it was hys by the occupacion.

Item, ther hathe bene dyvers felonyes and murders in tymes past hathe be done which must be ordered by the Kyngs graces is lawes [28].

[1530—31.] *The Answere of the Comyssarye and Scollers of the Unyversite of Oxford to a Bill of Complaynt conteynyng diverse artycles surmysed ageynst them by the Mayre and Burgesses of the Towne of Oxford.*

The said Martyn Lyndsey, beyng the Comyssaryes depute of the ſyrst artycle maketh answere that he commaundid the bedylls of the Unyversite to summon one Mychaell Hethe, of Oxford, to appere byfore hym yn Saint Mary Churche yn Oxford aforesaid at a certen lawfull day assygned, to make answere to certen artycles then to have ben obiectyd ageynst hym concernyng his open and manyſest periurye in brekyn of the privylege of the Universite grauntyd unto the same by the Kyngs moste noble progenytors, and confirmyd by his grace to the observaunce and mayntynaunce, wherof the said Michaell Hethe be specyally sworne upon the holy Evaungelysts, and to sheow whye he schuld not be declared periuryd and excomynycate accordyng to the order of the lawe and privylege

[28] This note by the side of these entries, "these be the ij last articles."

of the said Universite, and the said Martyn saithe that, or he sent for hym after the forme aforsaid iij tymes before, he sent to hym gentely, charytably, and lovyngly to have hadd a lovyng comynycacion w^t hym, trustyng therby they myght have growen to a quyett and peaseabull end and concord; but the said Mychaell Hethe, of his obstynate and hye mynd beyng alweys redye to breke not only the said privyleges, but also all lawdable customes and composycions made and observyd of old tyme unto his days bytwen the said Towne and Unyversite, havyng no maner of regard unto his othe, dyd refuse to appere before me the said depute to the Comyssarye, nor yet did appere, for the which contempt and obstynacy, by the advyse and councell of lerned men, hedds of the Unyversite, folowyng the tenor and effecte of the chartors by o^r most soveraing lord the Kyngs most noble progenytors grauntid to the Unyversite of Oxford, and confirmyd by o^r soveraing lord the Kyng that now is, and accordyng as yn likecase alweys the Chaunceler and his Comyssarye have be accustomyd to doo, the aforsaid deputie did denounce and declare the said Michaell excomynycate; and thus the said Martyn saithe he myght and maye justelye and lawfully so doo by the vertue of the said chartors, privyleges, libertes, and olde laudable customes of the said Universite; and the said Martyn saith ffurthermore that the cause whye the said Mychaell was so denowncyd in all churches, was by reason and occasion of his owne contempt and inobedyence, in that yt schuld have ben only denowncyd in his owne church, if he wold in the tyme of evynsong have sufferid the curate there to say evynsong to the parishyners, and there to have executid his dewty as he was required, but the said Michaell compellid hym to putt of his surplesse and to departe owt of the churche, or ells he wold have bett or myschevyd hym, as he thretenyd the said curate so to doo (and as towchyng the cause why he was excommunicate by me), hit was only for his open contumacy in not apperyng before me, beyng the Comyssaryes depute as he schuld have don. In the which case I myght lawfully excommunicate the said Michaell Hethe, and where it ys said that the said Martyn Lyndsey schuld excommunicate all those the which did yete, drynke, or kepe companye w^t hym, y^t parte of the article the said Martyn saithe ys nott trew.

2. To the second article the said Comyssarye maketh answere and saithe, that one Jhon Forde, master of arte, dyd breke and vyolate the Kyngs peace, for the which offence the said Comyssarye did send for the said Master Forde, and wold have bownd hym to the peace before he came to the Maire, willyng hym to bryng yn suertyes by a certen owre lymytted to hym by the said Comyssarye,

yn the which space he procurid a supersedeas from Michaell Hethe, then Mayre, and from William Fryer, then beyng Alderman, the havyng none auctoryte nor jurisdiction to graunte the same; for as moche as the said Forde ys, and then was a master of arte and scoler of the said Universite, and in all causis of the peace towchyng scolers and there servaunts, the Chaunceler and his Comyssarye hathe full auctoryte apon them and ther servaunts by the said charters, and be not bownd to admyt any supersedeas in their causes onles hit com from the Kyngs hygh Justyce of his benche, by reason wherof onely the Chaunceler, Comyssarye, or his deputie, have full pore and jurisdiction of hym, and no other Justice of peace wtyn the Countie or Towne of Oxford; and he saithe that he toke no supersedeas from the said Ford, but voluntaryly he did delyver the same supersedeas unto the said Comyssarye, which the said Comyssarye thynkyth he was not bownd to obey by vertue of the forsaid charters, and in that the said Ford refusid to fynd sufficient sewerties accordyng to the Kyngs lawes and privyleges of the said Universite to kepe the Kyngs peace, the said Comyssarye comaundid hym to prison; and the said Comyssarye saithe that Mychaell Hethe and the said Alderman knowithe ryght well that the said Ford is a very lyght person, and therfore expulsed from Magdalen College; and if it be trew he fowund suertyes before the said Michaell Hethe and Aldermen to kepe the Kyngs peace as they do pretend, then the said Comyssarye saithe yt iff it had not be for the beryng of the said Michaell and Alderman, the said Ford myght and wold aswell have brought yn the said suertes unto the said Comyssary, his very Juge, and he wold have receyvid them gladly, and saithe that by this dede it may evydently appere yt where the said Michaell Hethe dothe bere scolers wrongfully in there mysdoyngs ageynst the ryght Judge the Comyssarye, he will and hathe maynteynyd the townsmen injustly ayeynste the said Comyssarye, whereby he hathe causid moche unquietnes and expensis on bothe partyes, and over that saithe that it was never seen in Oxford yt any Mayer, Alderman, or any other Justice, under the Kyngs hye Justice, dyd at any tyme send any supersedias to the said Comyssarye yn cause of peace, where a scoler or scolers servaunte schuld be ponyshud for brekyn of the Kyngs peace, and at this tyme the said Comyssarye did as well send for Forde to ponysche hym for brekyn of the peace as for the said seurtie to be brought yn.

3. To the third artycle the said Comyssarye maketh answere, and seith that the said George Reve com to hym, and as he hade many other tymes before, so at that tyme the said George Reve checkyd wt the said Comyssarye in apon audyens, gevyng hym many threten-

yng and opprobryous words, so maynteynyd to doo by the said Mayre, and in a grett furye laid his hand apon his dagger, and wold have drawen it owtt upon the said Comyssarye, but the said Comyssarye perceyvyng his malycyous mynd stayd, and did let hym to pulle owtt his dager; and the said Comyssarye beyng in that case the Kyngs lawfull officer for the kepyng of his peace, causid his dagger to be takyn from hym, and for his ungoodly maner so then usid to the Comyssarye did send hym to prison, as he myght doo by vertue of the said chartors, and accordyng to the statutes and priveleges and olde lawdable customes of the said Universite, and the said George then beyng yn prison, by his wilfull mynd brake the same, and so escapid, wheruppon the said Comyssarye did excommunicate and banysche hym, and so he thynketh he may justly do by vertue of the chartors and privyleges of the said Universite; and further, the said Comyssarye saithe that the forme of banyschment expressid yn this article is not the forme which he exercysid at that tyme.

4. To the iiij$^{th}$ article the said Comyssarye saith, that one . . . , Stafford, of the Towne of Oxford, was conventyd before the said Comyssarye by William Anghill, Master of Arte, and Scoler of the Universite, for certeyne money the said Stafford owyd unto hym, and for that the said dett was confessid before the said Comyssarye accordyng to the old customes, liberties, and privyleges of the said Universite, the said Comyssarye gave sentence ageynst the said Stafford, to paye the some so confessid ymmediatly, or ells to fynd suretyes to paye hit w$^{t}$yn viij$^{th}$ dayes, or ells to goo unto the prison unto suche tyme the dett were payd, or suertyes brought in for the same; and in conclusion yt was agreyd betwen the said parties, that there schuld certeyne of Stafford's goods be praysid by a bedill of the Universitie, to the valeu of the some of money then demaundid and confessid, and the said goods to remayne yn the hands of the said Master Anghill to certen tyme bytwen them lymytted as a gage, and thus by the agrements of the parties the James went with partye home at the commandement of the said Comyssarye, and not other wyse as they untrewly surmyse, and did see Master Anghill receyve the said goods.

5. To the v$^{th}$ artycle the said Comyssarye saithe, that he never made corporacion of them or w$^{t}$ them, but he saithe that tyme owtt of mynd, by the mediacion and request of the inhabytaunts of the said Towne of Oxford, the freemen there for there syngler welthe and proffith at that tyme when was many skynners of that occupacyon, no freemen dwellyng w$^{t}$yn the subarbes of the same Towne, and the most parte of the Scolers bought there furrys of them, for

that they wold aford amoche larger penyworthe then the freemen; then there was agrement made by the said Townsmen, and offerid to the Comyssarye, then beyng eyfftsoyns, desyryng hym to be so good for hym and his successors, that no scholer schuld bye any ware but of them of the Towne fremen, and they wold be contentid to paye certen somes of money to the Comyssarye and Proctours for the tyme beyng at every new settyng up of any of them, as by the said agrement yt playnely apperith, and for no payment of the said somes of money frely and voluntaryly bounde them themselfe to be ymprisoned, or to take any other proces, at the eleccion of the Comyssarye and Proctours for the tyme beyng, and saithe forthermore that nother the said Comyssarye, nor the said Master Cole, ymprisoned any but at the sute of the warden of the said crafte.

6. To the vj$^{th}$ article John Wells makyth answere and saithe, that where at the commaundement of his master, Arthur Cole, then beyng Proctor, he did arest George Willison for a cause touchyng the Kyngs peace, the said George Willison so arestid wold not obey, but yncontynent did drawe his wepen and strake at the said Proctours servant, and then he in his defence did strike ageyne att the forsaid George, and none other wise; and where it was said the Procture w$^{t}$ his servaunts did take the said malefactor and breker of the Kyngs peace owtt of his owne howse w$^{t}$ force, and contrary to justice, to that the said John Wells saithe yt ys not trewe that ys so surmysed ageynst his master and hym.

7. To the vij$^{th}$ article the said Comyssarye saithe, that he is yngnorant to the acte of the said Master Cole, and saith more over that now the said taylors, by Mychaell Hethe, when he was Mayre, were and be borne agenst the said Chaunceler and Comyssarye to have of them an incorporacion unlawfully, and to have a master and warden of there crafte, and to have unlawfull assembles for the settyng of there prises in makyn of all maner of garments, wherby the Unyversite and Towne be greatly hurtt and poverished, and saithe moreover that yt apperith by the olde acts and regesters of the Universite, that onely the Chaunceler, Comyssarye, and Proctours of the said Universite, partly for suche causes as of furryers is before rehersid, and partly for that Scolers schuld have no tailors, ther servaunts workyn w$^{t}$yn them, and for that, that they toke moche more for the makyn of the scolers garments then they do for a laymans, never the lesse he saithe yf the said Master Cole so did as is pretended in this article, he supposid it was at the speciall ynstance and desire of the pretended master and warden of the Company of Taylors w$^{t}$yn the said Towne.

8. To the viij$^{th}$ article the said Comyssarye saithe that he never

causid James Edmonds to sell any hogge of Clayrs, but he saithe he did forfett a porke of Clayrs, because yt was not holsom, and for that he sold it before Saynt Lukys day, contrary to the ordynaunce theron by the said Comyssarye made; whych the said Comyssarye causid to be distributid to the prisoners in the castell and bocardo, and applyed no parte of hit to his owne use.

9. To the ix article the said Comyssarye saithe, he is yngnorant and knowith not of the acte of Master Ewyer, and further saithe that in case the partie were agrevid for any pretensid wrong done to hym by the said M. Ewyer, and had conventid or callid hym before the said Comyssarye or his deputie, then and there he schuld have had as right and equyte schuld have required.

10. To the x article the said Martyn makyth answer, that ther was a comyssion sent to the Comyssarye like maner as to the Mayre, by vertue whereof, and also by privylege of the Universite, the said Martyn commaundid all privylegid persons to bryng yn there tables, cards, dyce, and bowls unto hym, and so they did; and to the last parte of the said article the said Martyn saithe that he gave not ageyne to all privilegid persons, or to any, there tables, cards, dyce, or bowls, as yn the said article ys surmysid; and the said Martyn Lyndsey saithe moreover, that the said Maire, Bayliffs, and Chamberleyns for the tyme beyng, allweys do mayntayne opynly unlawfull gamys of the tenys, as yn two howses of the rent lyyng next to Smyȝth gate, oon of the est side, and a nother yn the west side, takyn more rent of the tenaunts of the said howses for the maynteynyng of the said plays yerely.

11. To the xj article the said Martyn Lyndsey makyth answere and seithe, that he did forfett one quarter of beffe of William Clarys for that, that yt was regratid, for of trouthe one Rychard Westrosse bought the said quarter of beffe opynly yn the markett apon the markett daye of a bocher of the contrey, and sold it ageyne the same daye to Clare, a bocher yn the said markett; and Clare beyng bocher of the Towne, solde parte of the same also yn the said markett, as it was judicially confessid by the said Clare, and remaynyth enactid by them bothe, so that all the Towne cryed owt of them, and said it were petye the Comyssarye schuld lyve or have auctorite if he wold not se it punnyschid; and to the last parte, that is to saye that it was etyn yn Lincolln Colege unpayed for, he saithe it is untrew and cannot be iustified, for the beffe or the value therof, every penyworthe was bestowid apoun pore prisoners and other pore people, where he myght have convertid yt to the comon profyte of the Universite, accordyng to the privylege of the said Universite, if it so had plesid hym.

12. To the xij article the said Comyssarye maketh answere and saith, that of treuthe Mychaell Hethe, and other of the brewers of Oxford, will let no man entre unto the crafte of bruers, unlese all, or the more parte of the said crafte will agree therunto, and unlese he that so desirith to entre unto the said crafte to pay at the lest iij$^{li}$ unto them which be of the said crafte, and in like maner it is among the bakers usid, and among other vitlers and artyficers yn Oxford, whereby they be moche inpoverisched, and cannot leve well, and cannot kepe the iuste assise, and therby the comon welethe is moche hurte; and the said brewers, bakers, and other vitlers, for there owne grett lucre and proffit only, have by tyme owtt of mynd agreed w$^{t}$ the Chaunceler, Comyssarye, and Proctors to have but a certyn nomber to serve them of ale, bred, bere, candill, and other necessares, if they did yndifferently bye of the contrey as hytherto they have done of the Towne only.

13. To the xiij artycle the said Comyssarye saithe, it ys not trew yn maner and forme as yn the said bill is surmytted.

14. To the xiiij article the said Comyssarye saithe, that the ale whyghts have been usid ever, as well yn the tyme that, that the Comyssarye hathe had the order of the office and assay there, as before the said tyme when the Kyngs constable of his castell hadd the said office and assay, as by the wey of fyne, for the which they somtyme payed to the Kyngs escheker v$^{li}$ yerely, which some of v$^{li}$ was remyttid by Kynge Harry the iiij$^{th}$ and Edward the iiij$^{th}$, as apperith by there charters under there brode seals, so that they schuld pray for the sowls of them and ther successors kyngs; accordyng to the which ther is a priste fownde to praye for the said most noble Kyngs and there successors perpetually, and it ys not as they have ymagined untruly yn ther artycle.

15. To the xv article the said Comyssarye denyeth that he toke any see fische from any parson or parsons, but he affirmyth yt he stoppid the said see fische, and also oysters, bycause of the grett pollyng of the fischers of the towne, then it was evydently provid who wold never suffer rippers to sell ther owne fische, but gave for every pott iij$^{s}$, or at the uttermuste iiij$^{s}$, and sold every pott agayne for x$^{s}$ at the leste, and sometyme for xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ or more, so that they had advauntage for sellyng of every pott a noble, thoughe they sold xx potts w$^{t}$yn an owre; and as for that place where the fische, by the comaundement of the said Comyssarye, was sold tyme w$^{t}$yn mynd of man was usid for the market of fische, and is nowe a comon markett place for fische and many other thyngs, and so for oysters; and further more, the said Comyssarye saithe ther is a corporacyon made by the auctorite of the Mayre amongst fischmongers w$^{t}$yn the

said towne, by the reason wherof all maner of fische is sold derar then ever it hathe ben before tyme seyne or hard of, so that yn case therbe no provysion made for the redresse therof schortly, yt schalbe to the grett impoveryschyng of the Universite. And over that the said Comyssarye saithe that moche of all the besynes that growythe betwene the Toune and Universite rysith by the importunyte of the vittelers, which havyng ther cheffe lyvyng by the Universite cannot be contentyd, but wold be w^t^outt a ruler any other then of there owne crafts, which if they myght by wey of incorporacyons or other wise attayne unto them, all scolers muste neds be dreven to ther owne provisions yn bakyn, brewyng, and other provisions, which wold be the undoyng of the towne, as they them selffs do confesse; or ells beyng servid of them, we havyng no remedy ageynst them when they do sell there vittells at a unreasonable price, and mynyster unholsom and unlawfull vitells unto us, we schuld be more wretchydly servid and orderid then any other of the Kyngs subjects w^t^yn his realme. In consyderacyon wherof, and yn favor of good lernyng and for other grett consideracyons, the Kyngs most noble progenytors gave unto us there charters of lyberties, and o^r^ soveraing lord the Kynge that now is hathe gracyously confirmyd the same, whereby they have made the Chaunceler of the Universite the Clerke of the Market, and yn his absens his Comyssarye or Deputie.

16. To the xvj article, towchyng the robbyng of Lyncollne Colege, he saithe as yett he dothe not knowe who robbid the said college, nor he did not areste ony person for the same roborye, as yn the said bill is falsely surmysed.

17. To the xvij artycle the said Comyssarye saithe he is ignorant, and dothe not knowe of suche acte done by M. Burton and Ball as ys agenst them surmysed, and M. Burton saithe the article is surmysed and nothyng trew.

18. To the xviij artycle the said Comyssarye saithe and maketh answere as yn the xvij^th^, and saithe he knowith of no suche acte done by the said Proctors, and thynkyth yt is surmysed ageynst them untrewly, as many like surmyses be made untrewly, and over saithe that yf he and the Proctours schuld not ageynst the Mayre and the townesmen all suche transgressions as they unfaynydly do comytt dayly ageynst the Kyngs grace and hys lawys, as they untrewly do seke maters agenst the Unyversite, hit shulde be to ther utter undoyng.

19. To the xix article, where yt ys sayd that the ij Proctors servaunts dyd walke in the nyght, the sayd Comyssarie sayth, that uppon complayntt made therof unto hym he dyd examyn the cause,

whereby it dyd appere that William Flemyng glasse wyndowes were brokyn that nyght, and that John Wellys, one of the Proctors servantts, that nyght came not owt of hys howse, and sayth that yf bothe the Comyssarie and Proctors, wt a ryght gode companye, had walkyd that nyght yett myght William Flemyngs wyndowe be brokyn, and noon of them other to blame or off councell wt that lewed dede. And as concernyng the other Proctors servantt, nothyng apon the sayd examinacion coulde be founde ageynst him as concernyng the brekyng of the sayd wyndowes; and the sayd Comyssarie over that sayth that the Unyversite ys yerely at grett charges for nyght wacchys, to be contynuelly kepte for thexchuyng of siche lewde dedes, and to have malefactors yf any be to be taken, and to kepe the Towne and Unyversite in quyett, and the Towne susteyneth nott one peny of the sayd charges; and yett wher-any offences be don, it chaunsyth more oftener the townysmen to be transgressors then the scolers to be the occasyon therof, they be so upholden and maynteyned agaynst the Unyversyte by the Meyer and hys brethern, and all thoo the Meyer and hys brothern be in contynuell quyettnes by the grat chargeable paynes the Unyversite contynuelly takyth, yett yf any offence bedon be it never so smale of ther uncharytable mynde will not complayne to the Comyssarie, butt make slaunderose reports and exclamacions agenst the hole Unyversite, where upon ther fyrst complaynt dew reformacion all weyes shulde be hadde by the sayd Comyssarie, wch he hath all weyes offeryd unto them.

20. To the xx article the sayd Comyssarie sayth, he never mynesteryd suche an othe to hym; never the lesse he sayth in that James Care ys a prevylegyd person, the sayd Mayer ought nott to intromytt nor medele wt hym, nother yett to have any suche privyleged persons to appere to answere before hym, or eny for hym or in hys name.

21. To the xxj article the said Comyssarye saithe, that he requyred none other othe of Gunter, then Gunter beyng a mancyple to scolers, then he did of all other mancyples of scolers yn the towne, which othe ryght well stondith wt the othe he toke to ye Kyngs grace for thexecutyng of hys offyce of the baylywyke, and which oth every Baylyff before hym tyme owt of mynd have taken, beyng Baylyffs of Oxford, altho' they were no mancyples to scolers; but bycause he dyd transgresse the said Unyversytie priveledges, beyng oon of or mancyples, and dyd wylfully annoye, vex, and troble the hole Unyversytie, otherwyse then any bayly had doon yn or tyme before hym; therfore it was decrede by the hole body of the Unyversytie, *in penam peccati sui*, that he shuld no more serve any scolers of vytaylle unto the tyme he were reformed, and he had warnyng therof many tymes, and gentylly desyred to [abstain] frome such wylfull doyngs, or suche decre

passed use, and were dreven therunto by the said Guntors' manyfold ymportune dealyngs, whych was yn maner untollerable, and over that by expresse charters grauntyd unto the said Unyversytie by the Kyngs grace most noble progenytors, and confyrmed by hys most noble grace the Chaunceler and Comyssarye of hys Unyversytie, may correcte the Baylyffs of Oxfords transgressyng the said priveleges yn ther tyme.

22. To the xxij article the said Comyssarye saith, y$^{t}$ he nothyng dyd therin but accordyng to the lybertyes of the Universytie for quyetacyon and savyng of expences betwixt the parties, yn that they may have so good ryght before the Comyssary as ells where, and the Mayre of Oxford wyll and is accustomyd to bynd hys fremen yf he be requyred, y$^{t}$ oon of theym shall not sue an other but yn hys cowrt, and the privelege of o$^{r}$ Universytie ys y$^{t}$ yf the oon partie be a scoler servant, both shalbe bound to sue before the Chaunceler or hys Comyssarye, and yn case any partie fynde hym self greved, he hath fre lybertie to appeale, and consequently may come above to the Kyngs most honorable councell, and where he alleggeth losse ther is no blame yn the said Comysary, yn y$^{t}$ both the parties, at y$^{e}$ speciall sute of the said Falowfyld, put ther matter yn arbytrement to my lord cheff baron, whych made a fynall end bytwene theym.

23. To the xxiij$^{th}$ article the said Comyssary maketh answere and sayth, y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ said Thomas Johns ought no peny to Falowfyld as of hys own dett, but by the way of executorshyp and for oon person, whych dyed sore endetted, and all the goods he had wold nothyng amownte to the payment of hys hole detts, but y$^{t}$ every person shuld be rated and have accordyng to y$^{e}$ rate as ryght and justice requyreth, and nott oon credyto$^{r}$ to be fully contented and many other clerly defrauded of ther detts, which had be agaynst all, and this was the very cause whye he comaunded Thomas Johns he shuld not pay to Falowfyld the hole dett he clamed; but the said Comyssarye dyd never denye but y$^{t}$ he shuld have after the rate of the goods, and so he wold he shuld contend w$^{t}$ hym yn jugemente, and none otherwyse, and over yt was ever contented y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ said Thomas Johns shuld have paid to Falowfyld y$^{e}$ hole dett, so y$^{e}$ said Thomas Johns wold have done lykewyse to other credytors.

24. The said Comyssarye maketh answer to the xxiiij$^{th}$ article, y$^{t}$ though by the fredome of the towne the fremen may exercyse merchandyse, yett he seyth for y$^{t}$ by privelege of y$^{e}$Unyversytie graunted by the Kyngs most noble progenytors, and confyrmed by the Kyngs grace y$^{t}$ now is, y$^{e}$ Chaunceller and y$^{e}$ said Commyssarye hath the supervysyon of assic' and asseye of wynes, y$^{e}$ said Wyllyam Falow-

fyld ought not to sell any wyne unto the tyme it be praysed by the Comyssarye, and also tasted and alowed by hym to be good and vendyble, for ells they wold sell much corrupt wyne as the said Falowfyld dothe, no person lyke hym yn Oxford, and also selle the same at unreasonable price as they customably doo; and bycause he refused to graunte the said asseye, and also dyd sett att nought y^e^ said Comyssarye w^t^ many unfittyng woords and croked behavyo^r^, therfore he comytted the said Falowfyld to ward, as lawfull was for hym to doo.

25. To y^e^ xxv^th^ article y^e^ said Commyssarye saith partely as to the xxiiij^th^ article, y^t^ he sent for the tast of wyne which hath used to be of the quantitie of a quarte, dew to him of every hoggshed, so y^t^ no vyntoner shuld set any wyne a broche to be sold, and so actually sell, unto the tyme he have sent to the Comyssary y^e^ forsaid tast, to be alowed by hym as is said before whether he wold admytt the sale or noo; and thus hath bene used and done tyme owt of mynde, and yn this forme used unto the tyme the said Falowfyld dyd nott oonly refuse to delyver the said tast, but also w^t^ hye perverse and unfyttyng words denyed the Comyssary to have any jurysdyccion therin, consortyng other to y^e^ said froward purpose w^t^ all the powre he myght, and for thyse causes he was commyttid to ward.

26. To y^e^ xxvj^th^ article the said Martyn Lyndsey maketh answere, y^t^ he dyd never fetch y^e^ said Gawen Norrys owt of prison, but he saith after the said Gawen was arrested it was supposed to be done of malice, in y^t^ he had hys adversary William Norris by as lawfull and suffycient wytnesse and proves brought by the forme of lawe as myght be by any lerned man, thought juste to have William Norrys condempned yn a certeyne some of money, beyng due to hym by contracte and oderwyse; then they arrested the said Gawen, beyng a scoler servant, and when y^t^ he was soo arrested, hys M^r^, requyryng to enioye the priveledge of the Universitie, desyred to have hym reclaymed of the Maire and Bailyffs, and so accordyng as well to y^e^ priveledge as custome and composycion bytwene y^e^ said Universitie and Towne, the said Martyn by a wrytyng dyrectyd to y^e^ Maire and Baylyffs, after the old cours and forme and theire owne request, under the halff seale, reclaimed the said Gawen Norys, puttyng hym under baile, and so remayneth under to this present owre.

27. To y^e^ xxvij^th^ article John Akers seyth, y^t^ he y^t^ nyght kepte the Kyngs watch, beyng desyred by the Proctors servants, made any assaute on any man, but y^e^ said John Radshawe accompanyed w^t^ other ij persones w^t^ wepons watched yn the strete a long season, waytyng as it is supposed for the said watchmen, and att theire comyng pyked a quarrell, and after few words sodenly stroke the

same John Wells on the brest wt ye end of a grett cowle staff, so sore yt yf the stroke had bene a handfull lower he had bene slayne; and then the same Radshawe and hys companye, supposyng yt they had made ye said Wells sure, sett upon ye resydue of ye watchmen and hurt theym, and they yn theire defence hurte oon of Radshawes company and none otherwyse; and it is knowen openly yt ye said Radshawe afore yt tyme shott arrowes owt of hys howse yn ye nyght at the watchemen, and yt he is a comyn pyker of quarrells, as comenly it is ye maner of the Maire and Aldermen to make ye most sedycyowse felowes they can fynde constables of the said towne, and where they say there was a woman slayne and robbyd ye same nyght ymmedyatly after this frey, yt can make noo surmyse agaynst thise watchmen, bycause yt the Proctors beyng immedyatly called up, come wt company to thise watchmen and wt theym . . . . . ye tyme of theire goyng to bed, but dowtles ye persones yt did se ye Proctors servants yn ye strete ye same tyme yt ye woman was sleyne, havyng such perfyte knowlach of the tyme, do also be lyklyhode know ye partie gylty therof, and of vehement suspeccion be doers or accessaryes to ye same, and ye Maire or other offycers of the towne have imprisoned certeyn other persones for the same felonye upon vere probable suspeccion, and have no probable coniectors or suspeccion agaynst ye said watchmen, of yt heynows dede, wherfore to ley no lesse cryme then murdre to such as dyd watch by auctorytie to se good rule kepte, and upon no ground or color of lawfull proffe of ye same, hit is upon yt this article is malyciowsely contenyd by ye Maire and his brethern, as all the other articles be, and also yt where certeyne townesmen fled upon ye said murdre.

28. To the xxviijth artycle John Wells answeres and saith, yt ye Maire and Aldermen uncharytable mynde towards the Unyversytie and theire servants may well appere yn this article, where yei can ley no deds to theire charges, yit they ly to wach theyme yn words, and he saith he said no such words, but yf he had said theym hyt had not bene to be marveled at, seyng he was so sore moved by reason of ye gret stroke yt ye said Radshawe gave hym on hys brest, which dyd put hym yn ieperdie of hys lyff.

29. To ye xxixth article the said Comyssary maketh answere, yt as farre as may be cast or imagiened they were of ye Towne yt shott ye arrowes ye said nyght, and not of ye Unyversytie, yn yt there was an arowe shott at Wells, ye Proctors servante, another into the chambre of oon Mr. Both, of Brodyates, and ij arrowes mo shott by a servant of oon William Plummer, somtyme Baylyff of ye towne, at oon James Carre, a scolers servant; farthermore the said Comyssarye seyth yt no person can sey yt any scoler at any tyme heretofore shott yn ye

nyght any arrowe but Cutbart Radshawe, this last yere constable, shot arrowes owt of hys wyndowes at y^e Proctors when y^ei walked to se good rule and y^e Kyngs peax kepte, w^t dyverse other mo, thus thei do ungraciowsely, and then put it on scolers. Also there was dyssencion as it was said bytwene one Hethe, and y^e Maire y^t now is y^e same tyme, bycause Hethe wold have bene Maire, and cowld not make his nombre, so as it is supposed of his frynds, beyng townesmen, shot y^e said arrowes at William Frerys wyndowes to cause hym to be afraid to be Maire y^e yere folowyng, and furthermore seith as he thynketh there is not one sheyff arrowe yn any scolers chambre, or theire servants w^tin the precyncts of the Unyversitie; and all y^e arrowes that was shott were sheyff arrowes as y^e said . . . . . w^t other do reporte.

30. To y^e xxx^th article y^e said Comyssarye saith, y^t at y^e speciall request and desyre of y^e said Hugh Frankleyne, he called judycially John Akers, M^r of Arte, afore hym, and oon other home how Franklyn dyd suspecte to hurt hym, which made theire purgacion yn y^e presence of the said Hewgh Franklyn, as it appereth yn y^e acts of y^e Comyssaryes boke, w^t y^e which purgacion y^e said Hugh Franklyn at y^t season was very well contented, and y^e said Comyssary know^t not but y^t he is lykwyse contented unto this present owre.

31. To y^e xxxj^th article y^e said Comyssary maketh answere by protestacion, y^t he know^t of no suche lawe day to be kepte by theyme, and saith furthermore y^t all privyledged persones be exempted from the jurisdiccion of the Maire, Bailyffs, and other officers of y^e said Towne of Oxford, as before y^s made answere yn other articles. All which matters y^e said Comysarye and Proctors bene redy to veryfie, as by yo^r good lordship shalbe awarded, ordred, and tryed.

1529-30. *Hanasters in the time of Michael Hethe, Mayor; Thomas Lambe and Thomas Ellingham, Chamberlains.* 21 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Sept.* 28, 1530.]

John Lankersher, *alias* Hoggeson.
John Cambray, taylor.
Roger Holden, browne baker.
Richard Hippe, inholder.
Richard Rawlyns, brewer.
John Hovchert, goldesmyth.
John Evynwodde.
Thomas Marche, carter.
Thomas Lane.
William Gavnt, hosyer.
John Havkyns.
Stephen Jamys, carter.
David Pratte, potycary.
William Bodington.
Roger Gretwiche.

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1530, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Frere.

*Bailifs*, { Christopher Haukins, Thomas Pers.

*Chamberlains*, { Henry Wylmot, John Leke.

*Common Council.*
Richard Bartram,
John Smythe,
William Kyrkeman,
John Wodlyffe,
David Prat,
Richard Atkynson.

A. 54.

1530, Oct. 16. *For goyng to the Buryall of Offycers, as Mayars, &c.*

M^d that at a Counsell holden the xvj daye of October, in the xxij^th yere of the reigne of King Henry the viij^th, it is established and enacted by the hole Counsell of the Towne of Oxford, that yf it happen anny Mayer or Alderman, or theyr wyvys doe dye, that than the Mayre for the tyme being, or Aldermen and Bayllyffs, Chamberlyns and Common Counsell, shall bring the same Mayer or Alderman so decessed to his bereing, monethe mynde, or yeres mynde. And yf it happen any Bayllyffe for the yere, any other that hathe ben Bayllyffe, happen to dye, or any Chamberlyn for the yere, or hathe ben Chamberlyn, that than the Mayre, Bayllyffs, and Chamberlyns to bee at the derygye and masse, and not to fayle, uppon payne of imprisonment, and to com as oftetymes as they be warned. A. 6. b.

1530/31, Jan. 16. *Inrolment of a Deed relating to Premises in St. Aldate's, now the Oxford Savings' Bank.*

[Thomas Foster, of the town of Oxford, fullar, gives and confirms to George Owen, doctor of medicine; Walter Wayte, clerk of the said town; and Roger Foster, of Oxford, inholder, the whole of his messuage[29] with appurtenances in the parish of Saint Martin, between a tenement of the provost and fellows of Oriel College on the north, and a messuage belonging to the Mayor and Burgesses of Oxford, called the Guildhall, on the south, and abutting on the Kings street on the west. Dated at Oxford 16 Jan., 22 Hen. VIII.]

*Lib. Alb.*, 158.

[29] The messuage here demised is now (1879) occupied by the Trustees of the Oxford Savings' Bank. Its history may be traced from the time of Faritius, Abbot of Abingdon (1100—1135), when it was made over to that abbey by Ermenold, burgess of Oxford, on account of the non-payment of rent for Wickam, near the bridge of Oxford. It was afterwards called Knap Hall, and subsequently the Falcon, and Castle Inn.

1530/31, Mar. 2. *Presentation to St. Giles' Church.*

[Master Morgan Johns, bachelor of decrees, presented by the abbess and convent of Godstow to the church of St. Giles, on the resignation of Master David Pole.] *Linc. Reg.*

1531, March 26. *Grant of a Messuage in St. Martin's Parish, called Coventry Hall.*

[John Bagwell, of Oxford, gives and grants to Richard Flaxney, of Oxford, fishmonger, the whole of his messuage with appurtenances within the parish of Saint Martin, called by the name of Coventry Hall, lying between a messuage of the abbot and convent of Oseney to the north, and a messuage belonging to the president and fellows of St. Mary Magdalen to the south, which the grantor lately acquired of Anthony Bishope, of Burford, co. Oxford, gent. Dated at Oxford 26 March, 22 Hen. VIII.

Quit claim for the same, dated 28 March.] *Lib. Alb.*, 158 b.

1531, May 2. *Presentation to the Church of St. Peter-in-the-bailey.*

[Master Hugo Roberts, bachelor of decrees, presented by the King to the church of St. Peter-in-the-bailey, by reason of the suppression of the priory of St. Frideswide, on the resignation of Master Arthur Bulkeley.] *Linc. Reg.*

[1531.] *Articles exhibit by the Mayer and Burgeys of the Town of Oxford agaynst the Comissarie and Scolers of the same Town.*

ffirst, where the Kyngs noble progenitors have grauntyd to the seid Mayer and Burgeys that no person, beyng not a freman of the towne of Oxford and of their Gild merchaunt, shuld exercise any merchaundise, nor sell in retaile any maner of goods vendeble, notwstondyng the seid graunts the seid Comisarie and Scolers take upon them not only to procure and cause foreners to exercise merchaundisyng wtyn the seid towne, and by and .... retaile, but also by ther myght and extort power do bere and mayntene the same foreners so to continue in their wroungfull exercysyng of their marchaundysyng, havyng no maner of regard to the seid graunts made to the seid Mayer and Burgeys.

Item, where it is grauntyd to the seid Mayer and Burgeys to have conusaunce of all ples reall and personall wtyn the precynct of the seid town, the Comissarie and Proctors do now hold ple of temporall

matters byfore the Comissarie of the seid Universite, and determyn the same matters wtowt any dew course or processe of the comen law of the lond; in as muche that if any that prtend to have privylege of the Universite do any trespas, or owe any money, to any inhabitaunt of the seid town, the Comissarie usith to commyt to prison the parte to whom the dett is owyng or the trespas commytted, ther to remayne untill he hath found suertie that he shall not sue for his recompens and dewtie accordyng to the Kyngs lawys, but only byfore the same Comissarie, contrarie to the comen lawys of this realme and dyverse estatut⁄ provided in that behalf.

Item, where it is grauntyd to the seid Mayor and Comennaltie to have retourne of all wrytts and execucions of the same, and that they and ther predecessors tyme owt of mynd have usid by them selfs and ther officers to serve and execute all warants, precepts, and all other proce⁄ wtyn the same town concernyng temporall matters, and that no freman of the town shalbe impledyd but byfore the Mayer and Bailliffs of the same town; the seid Comissarie and Proctors now a late have procurid and causid dyverse tymes many substanciall persone⁄ of the same town to be warnyd by ther own bedells and officers to appere byfore the Comissarie and Proctors, they to be sworne in certen inquisicions and jurie⁄ afore them, contrarie to the usages and custome⁄ and liberties of the same town; and also the same Comissarie and Proctors, wtowt good ground or cause, do cite dyverse honest persone⁄ inh'ityd wtyn the seid town for causis and matters temporall, and suspend them, and somtyme do arest them and wrongfully imprison them, and banysh them wtowt any good ground or cause reasonable, and contrarie to the comen lawe⁄ of the lond, in so moch that now of late the seid Comissarie sent for the Mayer of the same town by citacion, wtowt any maner of ground or cause resonable, recytyng by the same citacion that it shuld be for the mere helth of his sowll, and when he came before the seid Comissarie, the same Comissarie incontinently commaundyd hym to be sworne uppon a boke to answere to such artecles as the same Comissarie wold demaund of hym; whereuppon the seid Mayer, for fere of the censures of the Chirch, was sworne uppon a boke, and the seid Comissarie demaundyd of hym diverse questions consernyng aswell acts of the ministracon of justice apperteynyng, to the office of Mayeralte, as the jurisdicions, ffraunchise⁄, and liberties of the seid town, and many other temporall matters not convenyent to be demaundyd by the same Comissarie, nor to be declarid to hym by the same Meyer, to the great inquietance of the same Mayer, and to the perilous example and drede to all suche as shalbe bounden exercise the office of Mayeralte wtyn the same town, and for dred of such

unlawfull vexacons, be occasion to such of the seid inhabitaunts as encrese of any abilite to be Mayer of the same town, to for sake the same, and provyde them selfs other habitantȝ where they may liffe in quietnes under the rites and obedyence of the Kyngs laweȝ.

Item, where it is grauntyd to the seid Mayer and Burgeys to have the vew of ffrank pleg, and to enquire of p^r^presture and p^r^prisis, w^t^ other comen newsaunce, and to determyn the same, now the seid Comissarie do exercise the kepyng of the law day, and w^t^owt any dew proceȝ accordyng to the Kyngs lawys.

Item, where it was grauntyd to the seid Mayer and Comennaltie to make Clerk of the Merket, and that no man shall sell any thyng w^t^yn the Town till it be browght to a place lymyted for the market, and the Mayer to have correccion of vitellers, this notw^t^stondyng the seid Comissarie and Proctors take uppon them to make the Clerk of the Markett and to correct vitellers, by reason wherof their is such parcialite usid by the same ther Clerk of the Market, and soch wroungs done aswell to vitellers as also to other market folks of the countre, that the same market is therby greatly impeyrid to the great losse of the inhabitaunts of the same Town.

Item, where it is grauntyd to the Mayer and Bailiffs to have all fyneȝ and amerciaments of the seid Town, and felons goods, w^t^ like liberties and ffraunchyes as the Cite of London have. The seid Comissarie takyth not only from the said Mayer and Baylliffs the seid ffyneȝ and amerciaments, but also the late Comissarie and Proctors of the seid Universite not only hath causid to be taken and arestyd dyverse personeȝ, some for rape, some for other felonyes, but also hath taken and convertyd such felons goods to ther own profytt, to the damage of the seid Mayer and Burgeys.

Item, where it is grauntyd to the seid Mayer and Burgeys to have like liberties as the Cite of London, and have usid tyme owt of mynd to rule and order all maner of occupacions w^t^yn the seid Town, now the seid Comissarie and Proctors take uppon them to make Corporacyons, and for the same Corporacion take certen someȝ of money yerely, and causith them to be bound to the same Comissarie and Proctors in grett someȝ of money; and also swerith them uppon a boke that when so ever any that hathe been prentise do set up his occupacon, then he shall pay to the Comissarie a certen some of money, and to the Proctors another som of money. And that none shall occupie the seid occupacions but a certen nombr, as it shall please the seid Comissarie and Proctors. And also shall yerely pay to the same Comissarie a certen som of money, and to the Proctors a nother some of money, and so from tyme to tyme do encrease new imposicions uppon the pore inhabitaunts to ther utter impoverishyng.

Also the said Chaunceler and Scolers have now oppteynyd a new graunt of the Kyng o^r soverain lord, by the which they pretend to take away from the seid Mayer and Burgie⁊ the substaunce of the hole liberties and ffraunchise⁊ to them grauntyd by the progenitors of o^r soverain lord, and by his grace confirminge. And for and to thentent that they wold compell the seid Mayer and Burgeys to permyt and suffer them to enyoy ther new graunts, they endure yerely the seid Mayer to be sworne afore them by generall words as well to the Conservacon of the seid new graunts to them made, as also to such new ordinaunces and estatuts as by them self hath bene lattely made agaynst the Kyngs lawe⁊, and contrary to the othe that the seid Mayer is compelled yerely to take in the Kings escheker, intendyng by such senister meanes to put the seid Mayer and Burge⁊ in such fere of the censurs of Holy Chirch, obyectyng agayn them periury for the violacon of the seid pretensed liberties and ordynaunces by them lately opteyned and made, for drede wherof the seid Mayer and Burgey⁊ many tyme⁊ stound and be in grett ambuygnyte to execute such old graunts, usages, and custome⁊ as to them rightfully apperteynyth, onle⁊ they may have consent of the Kyngs highnes and his most honarable counsell, &c. *City Records.*

[1531.] *The Answere of the Comissarye and Scolers of the Universyte of Oxford to a Byll of Complaynt conteynyng dyvers artycles exhibyte ageynst them by the Mayre and Burgesses of the Towne of Oxforde.*

Too the first article the said Comysarye and Scollers seyen by protestacion, not knowyng ony suche graunte to be made to the said Mayre and Burgesses as yn the said artycle is surmyttyd. And if any suche graunte were made, the said graunte at this present tyme is of none effycacie nor strength, as evydently schalbe provyd at soche tyme as the said graunte, if any suche be, schalbe publysshed. Nevertheles for answere the said Comyssarye and Scollers seyen that our Soueraign lord the Kyngs most noble progenytors, by dyvers and sondry ther letters patents have graunted unto the Chaunceler and Scollers of the said Universyte that the said Scollers and ther servaunts schall and may quyetly exersise any maner of merchaundy⁊e by retaill or otherwyse, and bye and sell all maner of goods vendybill, so alwey that they be tallyable w^t the Burgesses of the said Towne, the same tallyacon to be assessed, and the said Chaunceler, his Comyssarye or his depute for the tyme beyng w^tout that, that the said Comyssarye and Scollers procure or cause fforyners to exercyse merchaundy⁊yng w^tyn the said Towne, or by there myght or extort power do bere or meynteign the same foryners to cotynewe in ther wrongfull exercysyng of there merchaundy⁊yng, as in the said bill is

surmyttid. To the which the predecessors of the said now Meire have accordyd and agreed.

To the second article the seid Comyssarie and Proctors seyen, that for the quietnes of the students in the said Universite they have full power and auctoryte by force of the graunts abovesaid to hold plee aswell in causes crymynall as in detts, contracts, and other suche lyke, where the one partye is a Scoller or a Scollers servaunte, and to make proces ageynst the parties either by the comen lawe or by the statutes and co custommes of the Universite, at the libertie and plesure of the said Chaunceler or his Comyssarye for the tyme beyng. And for more quietnes of the students of the said Universitie they have also power, by the auctorite abovesaid, to compell the parties, wher the one partie is a privylegyd person, to put yn cawcyon or gage that he schall not sewe the scoller or the seid privylegid person, but onely before the said Chaunceler, Commyssarye, or his depute w^toute that, that the seid Comyssarye commyttyth ony person to pryson to whom any dette is owyng or ony trespas commytted, there to remayne tyll he hathe ffownde sewertye that he schallnot sewe for his recompens and dewtye accordyng to the Kyngs lawes, but only before the said Commyssarye, or that they determyn ony matters, w^tout any dewe course of the comen lawe of the land, as yn the said bill is surmyttyd.

To the first parte of the seid thyrde artycle the Comyssarye and Proctors make answere and seyen, that they knowe of no such privylege and libertye grauntid to the said Maire and Burgesses as yn the seid artycle is conteygned, but they saye that as well by especyall graunts and chartres as by consent, agrement, and accord of the said Maire and Burgesse, it is manyfest and dothe appere expressely that all and every freman of the Towne of Oxford be bownd to appere yn temporall causes before the Chaunceler, his Commyssarye or depute, after lawfull summonycon made by the bedylls or other offycers; and the said Chaunceler, Commyssarye or his depute, dothe not at any tyme pryson, suspend, or banysche any person but for and apon greatt and urgent consyderacions, and after lawfully and ryghtfull processe of the privylege, customes, statutes, and libertyes of the said Universite, and by our Soveraign lord the Kyngs lawes; and if the said Comyssarye att any tyme callyd the Mayre by cytacyon to answere unto any artycle concernyng his sowle helth, yt was for certen artycles concernyng the vyolacion of his othe gyven by hym for the observaunce of the privylege, libertyes, and customes of the said Universite, whych Mychaell Hethe and William Flemmyng have nowe late yn tyme of theyr Meyralte more broken and more notoryously vyolat then any Meire before them, by the remembraunce of any man beyng yn lyffe yn the said Universite; and the Burgesse

or the inhabytaunts of Oxford be not inquyetyd by the said Comyssarye, Scollers, &c. But the seid Comyssarye and Scollers do sey that they be dayly inquietyd by the seid Maire, Baylyffs, and Burgesses of Oxford makyn consyderacions, conspiryces contynually, and pykyn of quarells day by day yn dyvers sondry places of the seid Universite nothyng regardyng the Kyngs hyght' privylege, but uncharitably and malycyously w^t^out any good ground do resyste and breke the said privilege, libertyes, and customes contrary to there othe, greatt danger of there souls, enquyetyng of the students, and consequently greatt hynderans of lernyng and exercise of vertue w^t^out that, that the said Comyssarye and Scollers do cyte ony persons inhabyted w^t^yn the said Towne for causes and maters temporall, or suspende, areste, imprison, or banysch them w^t^out any good ground or cause, as yn the said bills is untrulye supposyd.

To the iiij^th^ article the Comyssarye and Scollers do sey, that the knewe not any such privylege grauntyd unto the Towne of Oxford, but they sey that the said Chaunceler coniunctly w^t^ the Mayre, [in] the tyme of Edward the fyrste, had the vewe of ffrank plege, and to enquere of the purpresture and purpryses w^t^ other comen noysauns, and to determyne the same and exercise the same accordyng to the Kyngs lawys; whych lybertes and privyleges of the seid Meyre, for them and there successors, for there great extorcon and oppressyng as well of Scollers as other pore peopull inhabytaunts of the Towne of Oxford, and for the haynous murdyr commyttyd by them by the ryght noble Kyng Edward the Thyrde, were resumyd. So that syth that tyme they never enioyed any suche libertye, but that it was by the said Kynge holly grauntyd to the said Comyssarye and Scollers, by the whych graunte ever sithe the said Comyssarye and Scollers the said liberties have quyetly enioyed and was never disturbyd sith the tyme of the said Kyng Edward the Thirde unto the tyme of the Mayrealtes of William Flemmyng and Mychaell Hethe w^t^oute that, that the said Comyssarye dothe exercyse the kepyng of the lawe daye w^t^oute any dew processe accordyng to the Kyngs lawes as yn the said artycle is surmyttyd.

To the v^th^ artycle the said Comyssarye and Scollers seyen by protestacion, not knowyng of any suche graunte made unto the said Mayre and Burgesses of Oxford, but they sey that the seid Chaunceler, his Comyssarye, and Scollers only holly and for ever hathe the hole and full auctorite of the Clerkeschypp of the markett, and that none other Clerke of the Markett there ought to entermedle, and dothe suffer nothyng to be sold but it be brought to a lawfull place for sellyng therof, so that they may forsee and overloke the said markett, and so use no percyalyte or neclygens, unlese it be pracase of neclygens towards the Inhabytaunts of the

Towne as Gunter, Falofeld, George Reve, and Chamber, wt such other which oftsyth usyth forstallyng and regratyng of markett and sellyng of moche corrupte vitalls, and none yn Oxford so myche as they beforenamyd, nor wyllyng to be reformyd not only to the greatt hurte and hynderans of the said Universite, but also to the greatt hurte of the comen welthe of the Towne and the countrye. And the said inhabytaunts, vytaclers of Oxford, estsons of ther perverse mynds, do sell unto there neyboures townsmen good wyne, and to scollers wyne that is corrupte and noughte, and one of them schall bye so moche beffe or motton for iijd as the scollers schall pay iiijd for, and a payer of schoys for viijd that scollers schal not have under xd, wt sich lyke of all other merchaundyȝe and vytaylls.

To the vjth artycle the seid Comyssarye and Scollers seyen, that the fynes and amercyaments of all maner of thyngs dothe apperteign to the said Chaunceler his Comyssarye, and to the Unyversite by gyfte and graunte of the kyngs most noble progenitors, and so by his grace confirmyd wtout that, that they apperteygn to the said Mayre and Bayliffs; and further more they say that they never arestyd felon, &c., but that they myght lawfully do as it schall expresselye appere by the graunts of or soueraygn lord the Kyngs graceis progenytors, and also by composycon and aggrements of the partyes, and that they never made sesure of any felons goods to ther use or uses, or convertid any parte to there owne use as yn the said article is untruly surmytted.

To the vijth article the said Comyssarye and Scollers say, that they knewe not of any suche graunts as yn the said artycle is comprisid. But for answere they say that the said Chaunceler, his Comyssarye and Scollers have alweys used tyme whereof the mynd of man is not to the contrary as one of libertyes of the said Universite to have oversyght and punysschement of dyvers occupacions. That is to say, the said Comyssary as yet hathe made no incorporacion, but usyth hymselff yn certen composycons and orders as dyvers of his predecessors have tyme out of mynd usyd among the vyttaillers and artyfycers, &c. Wtout takyng of summys of money, other then suche penalytes as by or soueraing lord the Kyngs lawes and customes of the said Universyte hathe ben used, and ben alweys accustomyd to be payed to the said Comyssarye by theyr own assent and willyng agrement; and if the inhabytants, vittaillers, craftsmen be enpoveryssched it is other by the reason of the coventycles, confederytes, and consperyces makyng when they schold be aboute ther merchaundyȝe or wordly busynes, or ells by greatt summys of money for ther fyrst comyng as yn other there occupacions, or ells the Mayre, Baylyffs, and Burgesses of

Oxford exact apon them for there fredom, amerciaments, fynes, tolls, or other exaccions as by the incircumspect occuping of ther crafts, and not by the Comyssary and Scollers of the Universite, of whom they have all there chyff and pryncipall lyvyng as it ys open and manyfest; and over that the Mayre and Baylyffs maignteyne incorporacions contrary to the Kyngs statute and commen welthe of Oxford as cordwayners, taylors, glovers, fyschmongers, wt soche other to the grett enpoverysschyng of the scollers there. In somoche where they for a pott of see fysch the price therof beyng not past iijs at the most, at any time iiijs brought to there dores wtout labor or payne of theyr behalf, they make of every pott a the lest a ryall, and sumtymes a marke, wherefor there paynes in sellyng of the potts of fyssche vjd or viijd for every seme were suffycyent gaynys.

To the viijth artycle the seid Chaunceler and Scollers seyen, they dyd never pursew or attempt to obteigne any new graunte of or soueraign lord the Kynge that nowe is, though the Kyngs grace of his more mocyon, and by the contemplacon of the lord Cardynall dyd gyve a new privylege which they have not nor never entend to put yn execucion any parte thereof, nor yet entendith to attempt any maner of thyngs by the vertue of the said privylege, but that such privylege which they put yn execucon they had and have of the mere graunts of the kyngs grace most noble progenitors, and by his grace confirmyd; and they requyre no other othe or libertyes of the Mayre then ben expressid in or soveraign lord the kyngs most noble progenitors chartres, and hathe ben so usid by long tyme, but under the pretence of that surmysyd new graunt the seid Mayre and Bayliffs wold have all the old and auncyent libertyes, privyleges taken from the said Universite, which they quietly have encoyed wtout interupcion unto the tyme that the Mayre now being, Michaell Hethe and William Flemmyng Mayers them disturbid, all which maters the said Comyssarye and Scollers are ready to veryfye as by yowr good lordschip shalbe decreyd; and prayen that they may be dismyssed wt there reasonable costs and charges to them, to be adjuged for the wrongfull and sclaunderous vexacyon by them yn this behalf susteignyd and hadde. *City Records.*

1531, Sept. 16. *That Mr. Mayar at hys eleccion shall have* xxvjs viijd *allowed and no more for the dynner the same day.*

Md that at a Counsell holden the xvj day of September in the xxiij yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viijth. It is enacted and establysshed by the hole counsell, that the Mayre for the tyme

being shalbe alowyd for the dyner at the daye of sessions and his eleccion xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$, whiche dyner to be provyded by the Mayres Sergeaunt and the Chamberlyns for the tyme being, and noe more money to [be] spent at the charges of the Towne; and that the Mayre, Recorder, Aldermen, and Bayllyffys, and Chamberlyns to be at the same dyner, and the offycers, and noe moe, which day is the Fryday before the feste of Saynt Mathewe the Appostyll.

M$^{d}$ it is grauntyd that M$^{r}$ William Flemyng shall be p$^{d}$ xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ for the dyner yere that he was Mayre, at the daye of the eleccion for hys dyner. A. 6 b.

1531, Sept. 16. *Compounders for the Office of Bailiff.*

[Edward Herst pays vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ as a composition for the office of Bayliff.

Thomas Lame compounds for a Bayllyffe, paying vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$.] A. 7.

1531, Sept. 23. *Compounder for the Office of Chamberlain.*

[John Pye, bocher, admytted into the office of the Chamblynsshippe, and hathe payd c$^{s}$.] A. 7.

[1530-1]. *Hanasters, in the time of William Frere, Mayor; Henry Wylmot and John Leke, Chamberlains. 22 Hen. VIII. (ending Sept.* 28, 1531.)

Ralph Flaxson, waxchandler.
Richard Harrolde, bocher.
John Davinger, carpenter.
William Tavnye, carpenter.
Edward Glympton.
Robert Lye, taylor.
John Thomas, taylor.
Thomas ... of Hedington, wever.
William Rawlyns.
Thomas Harper.
John Wilson, glover.
William Symson, riffelayer.
John Williams, glover.
William Leonarde, sklatter.
John Dekyns, glover.
Giles Molcocke, carpenter.
John Smythe, chandler.
William Crewse.
Edward Hayse.

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1531, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Frere.

*Bailiffs*, { John Brigeman, Henry Wylmot.

*Chamberlains*, { Richard Westcrosse, William Sale.

*Common Council.*

Ralph Flaxeney,
Christopher Walker
John Raye.

A. 54 b.

1531, Oct. 7. *Robert Cope, Keeper of Bocardo.*

[Robt. Cope to occupy the office of keeper of Bocardo, paying weekly to Thomas Crampe, during his life, vj$^{d}$.] A. 7.

1531, Oct. 8. *Proceedings in a cause of Defamation, and for maintaining the good name of Richard Gounter, late Bailiff of Oxford.*

M$^{d}$ that the viij$^{th}$ day of October, in the xxiij$^{ti}$ yere of the reigne of o$^{r}$ soueraigne lorde King Henry the viij$^{th}$, which day the generall eleccion of all officers of the Towne of Oxford was kepte in the Guyldehall of the sayd Towne. And the sayd day M$^{r}$. Mayres commycion was oppynly redde before M$^{r}$. William Frere, Mayre; M$^{r}$. John Avsten, M$^{r}$. Michaell Hethe, M$^{r}$. William Flemyng, and M$^{r}$. John Pye, Aldermen; John Brygeman and Henry Wylmot, Bayllyffs; John Snowe, Thomas Blovnt, Thomas Walker, and William Thomas, and all the Bourgeses of the same Towne sytting in theyr iudices[30] auctorytie which wer present at the same tyme. And then and ther the sayd M$^{r}$. William Flemyng, Alderman, being one of the Cornes[31] of and to o$^{r}$ soueraigne lord the Kyngis grace that nowe ys, of and w$^{t}$in the Towne of Oxford aforesayd and the suburb of the same, oppynly declared before M$^{r}$. Mayre, Aldermen, Bayllyffs, and Burgeses syttyng in theyr judices auctorytie aforeseyd w$^{t}$ dyvers other. That oon Richard Gounter, late on of the Bayllyffs of the foresayd Towne of Oxford, cam unto hym the xxv day of September, in the xxiij$^{ti}$ yere of the reigne of o$^{r}$ sayd soueraigne lorde at Oxford aforesayd, and then and ther shewd unto hym that he had a servaunt named William Ackrygge, departed in hys howse, syttyng and being in the paryshe of Saynt Peter-in-the-Bayly, in Oxford aforesayd, of the pestylence, and that Robt. Golsroppe, and Margaret hys wyffe, and Thomas Mocche, evylwyllers of and to the sayd Richard Govnter, intendyng of malyce prepenced to putte the same Richard Govnter to wrongfull trobyll, vexacion, eiuste besynes falsely and untruly dyd common and talke that hys sayd servaunt at that tym had not ne dyd not dye of the pestylense, but of a certen punnyshement which the sayd Richard dyd execute in hym. In consyderacion wherof, and to thentent the trewthe myght be knowen, the sayd Richard Govnter desyred the foresayd M$^{r}$. William Flemyng, Crowner, to loke uppon and vewe the ded corpus before he wer buryd, and to testefye the trewthe concernyng the premysses. And the sayd M$^{r}$. William Flemyng answerd and sayde that he was lothe to goe and see the ded corpus yf he dyed of the pestylence, bout he sayd he wolde doe hys dewtty for hys owne dyscharge. And soe forthewith the

[30] judicial. [31] coroners.

sayd Mr. William Flemyng, Crowner, dyd sende for one Henry Colt, constabyll of the southe west warde, wher the ded corpus was, and commaundyd hym to take certayne honest men wthym, and suche as he coulde gett and vewe the ded corpus, and certefye hym the trewthe therof. And soe the sayd constabyll toke wthym William Fallofelde, mercer, and late one of the Bayllyffs of the Towne of Oxford aforesayd, Richard Westecrosse, one of the Chamberlyns of the same Towne of Oxford, Richard Cotterell, late one of the Chamberlyns of the same Towne, Edward Trayford, Robt. Knyght, William Benbowe, William Raulyns, William Symson, Robt. Holland, William Myddylton, and John Cowper, wt many other, and soe they vewed and serched the ded corpus, and after a dylygent and a dewe vewe and serche of the ded corpus by them had, they certefyed to the sayd William Flemyng, Crowner, that they had sene the sayd corpus, and that he had a pestylensse sore in hys throtte, and a blayne under hys lefte erre, and also was full of Godys markys, and had noe nother hurte nor blemyshe to be senne hurtfull uppon hys body. And, moreover, the sayd Richard Govnter at the foresayd day of ellection brought wthym to the foresayd Guyldehall, of the foresayd Towne of Oxford, before the sayd Mayre, Aldermen, Bayllyffs, and Bourgeses syttyng in theyr judiciall auctorities, a grette multytude of men and women that had sene the sayd ded corpus. That is to saye, Henry Coke, Richard Smythe, Thomas Lorde, John Thomas, Walter Golding, Joanne Glympton, Margret Symson, and Mother Gryffythe whiche dyd kepe and wynde the sayd corpus, wt many other. And desyred the sayd Mr. Mayre wtall the benche, that they wolde of theyr goodnes here all thes persons speke the trewthe, what they dyd see and perceyve uppon the sayd corpus, wheruppon Mr. Mayre and the benche dyd examen the foresayd Walter Goldyng, John Thomas, William Myddylton, Mergret Symson, and Mother Gryffythe, uppon theyre fydelities and other examened on theyr othes made toe and for the lyberties of the sayd Towne of Oxford, to shewe the very trewthe. And soe they then reported as the constabyll and the other persons before named reported in every thyng. And soe all the resydue dyd wt on voyse, saying that it was shame that ever a honeste man as Mr. Richard Govnter ys shulde be putte to any trobyll or sklavnder by a false suggestion by iij or iiij malicious persons falsely imagened and publyshed, the contrary of theyr false suggestyons evydently proved and knowen the same. And that don, the sayd Richard Gounter, then and ther desyred and also requyred the sayd Mr. Mayre wtall the benche syttyng in theyr judiciall auctorytye, that all thes the premysses and every parcell therof myght be recorded in and amongyst

the recordys of the sayd Towne of Oxford. And we the sayd Mayre and the sayd Masters, Aldermen, hys bretherne notabuly consyderyng the apparent and evydent proves before rehersed, but also than and ther syttyng in full actorytye judyciall, consyderyng the now certayne unstabylnes and sudden departyng of every creature from thys present lyffe. Soe that percase yf the proves before rehersed shulde herafter be called forthe to testefye, then they shall have noo being in thys present lyffe. In consyderacion wherof we, the sayd M^r^. Mayre, and the Masters the Aldermen, to thentent that the apparent and euydent proffe before rehersed may have a contynuall vygure and strengthe withe a grette and a good delyberacon, and by the assent, consent, and agrement of vs all doe deme, jugge, decree, and awarde, that all the premysses and every parcell therof be recorded, enrolled, and entered of recorde amongyst the Recordes of the sayd Towne of Oxford, and so perpetually to remayne of and in Recorde, and soe it ys recorded, &c. *Hannisters*, 112 b.

1531, Oct. 16. *Bailiffs to make no Dinners.*

M^d^ at a Covnsell holden the xvj day of October, in the xxiij^ti^ yere of the reigne of King Henry the viij^th^, it establyshed and enacted by the hole consent of the Covnsell of the Towne, that John Brigeman and Henry Wylmot, Bayllyffys, shall make no dyners at theyr laue days, but shall paye bytwen them bothe vj^li^ to the reparacions of the myllys. A. 7.

1531, Nov. 7. *Fees to be paid to the Town for Freedom.*

M^d^ at a Counsell holden in the Covnsell howse the vij day of November, in the xxiij^ti^ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij^th^, it enacted and agreed by the hole Covnsell that all maner of persons that occupye any typpellyng or coblers crafte, and any other occupacion w^t^in the towne and the suburb of the same, and beng of the valewe of c^s^ of goodds and cattalls, that than he shall paye for hys ffredome to the towne ix^s^, and for hys ffees to the officers, xij^d^; and yf he incresse of a more valewe in goodds and cattalls than of c^s^, than he shall paye the hole fredome. A. 7 b.

*Ffor Fysshemongers Stondyngs.*

M^d^ at a Counsell holden the day and yere above wretten, it is enacted by the hole Counsell, that noe fyshemonger shall kepe any stalle to sell fyshe ouer above the stalls under the Guylde Halle, but they shall stonde under y^e^ Guihalde and the Blewe bore, and there to sell theyr fyshe, under the payne of forfayture of xl^s^, to be p^d^ to

the usse of the Towne coffers; and that they that stonde above the Guylde Hall shall com and stonde benethe by the fest of the Natyvytie of Saynt John Baptiste next commyng after the date hereof, under the payne abovesayd. A. 7 b.

1531, Nov. 16. *Payments for belonging to various Crafts limited by the Counsell.*

M^d^ at a Covnsell holden in the Covnsell howse the xvj day of November, in the xxiij^ti^ yere of the reigne of Kinge Henry the viij^th^, it is estatuted and enacted by the more parte of the Covnsell of the Towne, that noe occupation for crafts w^t^in the Towne of Oxford and the suburbys of the same shall take of any person that shall come to be brother of theyr crafts above the som of xx^s^; and yf the same crafte or occupacion take any more than the same xx^s^, that than the same occupacion or crafte to forfeyte to the vsse of the Towne coffers xl^s^. A. 7 b.

*Ordyn'nces for Crafts.*

It'm, at the daye and yere above wretten it is condysented by the hole Covnsell, that all suche crafts that wyll have any good ordynances shall have it for the welthe of theyr crafts. A. 7 b.

1531, Dec. 5. *For occupyeng two Vyttalyng Crafts.*

M^d^ at a Covnsell holden in the Guihalde the v^th^ day of December, in the xxiij^ti^ yere of King Henry the viij^th^, it is enacted and establyshed by the hole Covnsell of the towne, and by the commons of the same, that noe maner of person nor persons shall occupye ij crafts of vyttelyng w^t^in the Towne of Oxford and the suburbys of the same, under the payne of forfayting of x^li^, and it to be leveyd by the Chamberlyns of the Towne, to the usse of the Towne coffers; and they that occupye at thys tyme ij vyttellyng craftys shall leve one of them by the feste of Ester next commyng, under the payne of forfeyture of the forsayd x^li^; and the bodys of the person or persons that doe contrarye to thys present acte shall remayne in pryson in Bockardoe untyll the tyme that the forfayture of the foresayd x^li^ be fully contented and payd unto thusse as is abovesayd. A. 8.

1531, Dec. 7. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles.*

[Master John Barbur, LL.D., presented by the abbess and convent of Godestow to the church of St. Giles, on the resignation of Master Morgan Jones.] *Linc. Reg.*

1531, Dec. 21. *Grant of Lands in Holton.*

[Grant of lands in Halton, co. Oxon, from John Basset, sen$^{r}$, of Halton, to William Bovrton and William Bayly, both of Halton. Dated 21 Dec., 23 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 159 b.

1532, March 26. *Inrolment of Leonard Warden's Release.*

[Leonard Warden, of Oxford, clerk, releases to Michael Hethe, of Oxon, all his right in a tenement and garden adjacent lying in Gravntpount, in the suburbs of Oxford, on the east part of the way there, between a certain bridge called Dencheworthe bowe and "le Shere lake," of the south part, and a certain tenement of the dean and fellows of St. Frideswide College on the north part; likewise of and in one acre of meadow adjacent, between the Thames on the west, and a certain meadow called Friswithemede on the east; together with a certain parcel of meadow called a hayte, lying between the said meadow, called Frissewythe mede, on the east, and the Thames on the west; and also of and in 2 acres and a-half of meadow, lying in a certain meadow near Oxon, called Bourges mede. Dated 26 March, 23 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 167.

1532, May.

[Robert Davys, Cryer of the Towne, to be admonished.] A. 8.

1532, June 21. *For opprobryouse betwene the Mayar and Aldermen.*

M$^{d}$ at a Counsell holden the xxj day of June, in the xxiiij$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$, it is enacted and establyshed by the hole Covnsell, that if any Alderman geve any obprobrious wordys, as knave, briber, and suche other, provyd by wytnesse vnto the Mayre for the tyme being, that then he shall be comytted to warde, and allso shall paye to the Towne coffers xx$^{s}$ er he departe out the prison. And also yf the Mayre doe geve any obprobrious words to eny Alderman as is above rehersed, that then he shall pay xx$^{s}$ to the usse abovesayd. A. 8.

1532, July 9. *The Chamberleyns to have the ouersyght of the Waters.*

M$^{d}$ that at a Counsell holden the ix$^{th}$ day of July, in the xxiiij$^{ti}$ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$, John Austen, Will'm Archer, and the ij Chamberlyns for the yere, shall have the oversight of the waters from Prynses Weres vnto Scisseter and Cherwell, w$^{t}$ all the crekys, dyches therto belongyng, and that they shall make lauffull deputies in eny place where they thynke most convenyent.

A. 8 b.

*For Fyshmongers Stondyngs.*

M^d^ the day and yere above wretten it is condiscended by the hole Counsayll, that the fyshemongers shall have all the stondyngs from the upper parte of the stondyngs under the Gyldehall unto the dore that goythe in to the Blewe Bore, excepte the Gylde hall dore, paying yerly for the same liij^s^ iiij^d^, and they to kepe all manner reparacons, excepte sclattynge and tymber owerhedde, as rafters and lathes, which shalbe at the charges of the Towne. A. 8 b.

*For the Mysvsage of Seriaunts.*

M^d^ the day and yere above wretten it is condisented by the hole Counsell, that yf any of the serjaunts or criar doth mysusse themselfe, or geve not attendans to the Mayre, Aldermen, and Bayllyffs for the yere, and mysseusse them to any other that hathe ben Bayllffs, otherwyse than it becommythe a serveunt to doe, or to any of theyr wyves, so that it be lauffully proved w^t^ wytnes that then incontynet, uppon the proffe made he or they to losse theyr office. A. 8 b.

1532, July 20. *Not^a^ pro account of Chamberleyns.*

M^d^ at a Counsell holden the xx^ti^ day of July, in the xxiiij yere of Kyng Henry the viij, it is enacted by the more parte of the Counsell, that none Chamberlyn for the yere shall be Baylyffe unto suche tyme that he hathe made his accompt, and that they shall make theyr accompts at Lammas day next after they be out of theyr office, or at the fardyst w^t^in viij days after the same; and yf they make defalte, theyr bodys to remayne in prison unto suche tyme they be redy to make theyr accompts. A. 8 b.

*For Swyne.*

M^d^ it is enacted that noe person inhabityng w^t^in the Towne of Oxford doe permytte any swyn goyng in the stretts, under the payne of xij^d^, to [be] leveyd to the usse of the Kyng for eny swyn that goythe in the stretts; and yf the Bayllyffs doe not execute thys acte, they to forfayte iij^s^ iiij^d^ to the vsse of the Towne. A. 8 b.

1532, August 8.

[Two tenements lying in the parish of All Saints, called Redcockys[a], late in the tenure of John Robynson, leased to William Pery.] A. 9.

[a] In a lease dated 17 Dec., 23 Hen. VI., 3 messuages called anciently Le Redecockes, situated together opposite All Saints' Church.

1532, Sept. 18. *Compounders.*

[John Leke and William Singleton compound for Bailiffs' places. Thomas Hewster, jun$^{r}$, compounds for a Chamberlain's place.]

A. 9.

1532, Sept. 20. *A Copie of an Obligacion wherein Oxford Towne standeth bounde in five hundred pounds to abide Awarde of the Counsayle touchinge y$^{e}$ Universitie.*

Noverint universi per presentes nos Gulielmum Frere, Maiorem ville Oxon. et burgenses et tot' com' dicte ville Oxon. teneri et firmiter obligari excelentissimo Principi Carolo duci Suff. p$^{r}$sidenti consilii domini regis et Guilielmo Ffytswilliams (Fitzwilliams) militi Tresorario hospitii domini regis in quingentis libris sterlingorum solvend' eisdem Carolo et Gulielmo hered' et assignat' eorum in festo Sancti Edwardi regis et confessoris proxime futuro post dat presenc' ad usum domini Henrici octavi regis Angliæ et ffranciæ fidei defensoris et domini Hiberniæ, ad quam quidem solutione bene et fideliter faciend' obligamus nos et successores nostros per presentes, in cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune ville Oxon. predict. presentibus apponi fecimus. Datum apud Oxon 20 die Septembris anno regni dicti domini regis xxiv$^{to}$.

The condition of this obligacion is such, that yf the above bounden Mayor, Burgeses, and Comminalties, and theyre successors, stande to and obey the worde, ordynaunce, rule and judgment of o$^{r}$ soveraygne lord the Kyngs heighnes, of, for, and upon the exercise of all and all maner of liberties, privileges, compositions, preminences that now be, or in tymes past hath bine, in variance and debate betweene the sayd Mayor and Cominalties of the one partie, and the Chaunceler and Schollers of the Universitie of Oxford on the other partie, that then this obligation be voyde of none effecte, or els to stande in full strength and effecte. *City Records.*

1531-2. *Hanasters in the time of William Frere, Mayor; Richard Westecrosse and William Sale, Chamberlains.* 23 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Sept.* 28, 1532.]

John Brownyng.
John Steward.
William Dewe, bocher.
John Underhyll.
John Maynat.
John Bradley.
James Gardyner.
Alexander Baker, miller.
Thomas Byllington, taylor.
William Crannocke.

David Gryffith, taylor.
John Brouzghtton.
John Gysby, carpenter.
John Mekyns.
Robert Stalleworthe.
William Gravnden, clockemaker.
Thomas Hopkyns, miller.
Robert Alye.
Thomas . . . . *alias* Crabb.
John Lovell.
Thomas Popynjaye, carver.
John Waukelyn.
Nicholas Markeham.
. . . . Belcher, fysher.
Richard Borseby.

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1532, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Pye.

*Bailiffs*, { Richard Cotterell, John Pye.

*Chamberlains*, { John Smythe, Richard Bartram.

*Common Council*,
Henry Colt,
Nicholas Hore,
Edward Jenkyns,
Richard Jonys,
William Kyrkeman,
William Mondy,
Roger Holden.

1532, 8 Oct. *Compounders.*

[John Bodycot and Stephen Bateman compound for the office of Chamberlain.] A. 9 b.

1532, 8 Oct. *Over and Nether Cryppelye.*

M^d that John Smythe and Richard Bartram, Chamberlyns, promysith to paye for the over Cripleyse thys yere liij^s iiij^d.

*For Nether Crypley.*

M^d that Thomas Ellyngham hathe taken the nether Cripley for xxi^ti yeres to begyn at the feste of Saynt Michell tharchaungell a^o xxiiij^ti, and shall pay xx^s by the yere, and to make the mounds and to settle it w^t wylloys. A. 9 b.

1532, Nov. 30. *To go to London and deliver a submission to the Kinge.*

M^d at a Counsell holden the last day of November in the xxiiij^th yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij^th, it is condissented and agreed by the hole counsell, that Mr. Pye being Mayre, Mr. Ffrere, Alderman; John Snowe, William Banyster, William Falofelde, and Ric. Gounter shall goe uppe to London and deliver the submission of the Towne to the Kyngs grace. A. 9 b.

1532. *Articles exhibited by the Maior and Burge'is of the Towne of Oxford agaynst the Chaunceler and Schollers of the Universitie in the sayd Towne for many wrongs committed by them contrarie to all right and good conscience.*

First where the sayd Chaunceler, Proctours, and Schollers be used to keepe a watche without autoritie of any graunte made unto them under the coloure and pretence to see good rule kepte within the seyd Towne and Universitie. The sayd Proctours and Scollers have commonly used, and yet use not only to breke in the night tyme the howses, doores, and windowes of the inhabitants within the said Towne, but alsoe many felonies, murdurs, and robberies be don in the night, and cannot come to the knowledge of the Kings officers of such offenders, and alsoe many tymes with force and violence take divers honest persons of good name, conversation, and rule forth of theyre howses, and them imprison without cause reasonable, contrarie to the lawes of the realme, and to the great disturbance of the inhabitants within the sayd Towne, in takinge honest mens dagars from them and the Kyngs constables dagars without any autoritie, and will not suffer them to weare any yf he be a Burges of the sayd Towne or belonginge to the Towne, to the let and hinderance of theyre studie and hinderance of the seyd Universitie.

Item, the xij day of July, the xviij$^{th}$ yeare of the raygne of our soveraygne lord the kinge that now is, one Thomas Floyd, prieste, did ravish on Johane Fenne, servant to Thomas Wylcocks of Oxford, and because that the sayd Johane was not of full age, for shee was under the age of xij yeares, the sayd Thomas Floyd did cut her, and with$^{in}$ a quarter of a yeare after the sayd Johane died; and Thomas Burton and John Ball, that tyme beinge Proctours, did attache the sayd Tho. Floyd and putte hime in prison by the space of xxj dayes, and then delivered hime without further processe of the lawe.

Item, the xiij$^{th}$ day of August, the xij yeare of the raygne of our soveraygne lord the Kinge, at nine of the o'clock in the night, one Mr. Akers of the Cardinall Colledge, John Welse and William Banaster the Proctours servants, made assaulte upon one John Redsgawe, one of the Kings constables, and one John Hoggeson of Oxford, glover, they standinge at the doore of the sayd John Hoggeson haveinge no weapons, but intendinge the Kings peace, the sayd furious and malicious persons did beate them, and the sayd John Hoggeson was sore wounded and maymed, and imme-

diately the same night one Julian Wilks was murdered and robbed in her owne house, and xx markes of money taken away as her husband sayth, and is yet redie to appobate.

Item, the sayd Comissarie contrarie to all right and good conscience taketh upon hime in the markett place to prayse fresh samond, and for everie horse loade he prayseth he taketh 4d, and the Bayliffs take for the Kinge but a penie for the costome of everie horse loade, he havinge no such autoritie wch is to the great hurte of the markett, and great extortion made and done by the sayd Comyssarie.

Item, where it is enacted that no man to take upon hime to be Justice of the peace, the sayd William Tressham, Comyssarie, tooke upon hime to proclame himselfe justice of the peace openly in the markett without comission or charter, and examined a matter of felonie befor hime for stealinge of a horse.

Item, the sayd William Tressham, Comyssarie[33], tooke upon hime to call an inquest befor hime in the Kings hall in his Colledge at Oxford, and theyre kept a lawe day without any courte made by the Bayliffs of the sayd Towne, and without any autorite or graunte made or given to the sayd Universitie.

Item, New Colledge and Magdalen Colledge baketh theyre bread within them, and they have motton, beefe, and all salte store, that is to say salte-fish, and all theyre cloth for linnens, withall other necessaries of howshold of theyre own provision within them, soe that the Towne is not profited by them, but with all theyre powers disprofited, and many Colledges useth the like manner and fashion, soe that it was more profitt to the Towne when those places were occupied with inhabitants then is nowe by Colledges and Halls, for they mantayne crafts men as taylours, bakers, mercers, and other crafts men. *Twyne*, iv. 99.

1532, Dec. 8. *Certain Houses near Smith Gate, granted to New College.*

Md at a Counsell holden the viij day of December, in the xxiiijti yere of the reigne of King Henry the viijth, it is agreed and condicented by the more parte of the Counsell, that the warden and ffelloys of the Newe College at instance and request of Mr. Cromwell, shall have the howses at the Smythe Gate and Estegate, and the Towne dyche, payng therfore as the Counsell of the Towne and the sayd warden can agree for.—[*Crossed through.*] A. 10.

[33] William Tresham, Commissary the latter end of 1532.

1532, Dec. 24. *Lease of Swannes Nest from the City to William Thomas.*

[Indenture made 23 Decemb., 24 Hen. VIII., between John Pye, Mayor; John Austen, Michaell Hethe, William Flemyng, and William Frere, Aldermen; Richard Cotterell and John Pye, Bayllyffs; John Smythe and Richard Bartram, Chamberlyns, of the Town of Oxford of the one partie, and William Thomas of the same Towne, plommer, of the other part, being a lease of a parcell of grounde called the Swans Nest, adioynyng to the Brewhouse belongyng unto the sayd William Thomas, on the northe partie, and uppon the water of the Temys on the este and south partyes; and also another parcell of grounde called the Eyȝght, lying on the este partye of the Miller's garden, cont. in bredythe at the west ende vj perchis, and in bredithe at the weste (*sic*) ende on perche di., and in lengthe x perches. And another parcell of grounde lying in Newmarket, northe and southe, containing in lengthe from the hight way ledyn from the grette ballyolle to the weste gate vij perchys, and in bredithe from the quoyne of the wall of a tenement belonging unto the sayd William Thomas, at the northe and weste endys, one perche, and in bredythe at the notherende, southwarde, ij perchis di. And also another parcell of ground lying w^t^out the West Gate, cont' in lengthe vij perchys, and in bredithe from the corner of the sayd gate to the Graye Fryers wall ij perchis, and in bredithe at the nether ende westwarde, from the Calsey to the Fryers wall, xij fotts. To have and to hold the same for 99 years, at an annual rent of 4^s^.] *City Records.*

1533, Jan. 4. *Joint Letter of the University and City of Oxford for the ending of Disputes between the two bodies.*

In right humble manner we have us commended unto yo^r^ good mastershipps, acertayning the same that wee have received from your goodnes certayne instruction concerning surrenders to be made unto the kings graces hands of all our libertyes, priviledges, &c. And that wee should soone after this feast repayre unto the Kings grace w^t^ the sayd surrenders, to the intent his most noble grace might of his goodness put some good end betweene us, upon such controversies, demaunds and strifes, as doe depend upon o^r^ priviledges as yet undetermined, w^ch^ thinge hath beene a longe time a great hinderance and unquietnes to both partyes. Soe it is certayne of o^r^ friends perceiving that these continuall suites and contentions w^ch^ hath long time beene among us, hath beene the cause of much breach of charity

and hinderance to either partie, hath counselled us to draw unto an amicable communication before the Kings Maiestye by his high power and vertue of o^r^ submissions doe sett an order of his high pleasure among us. And that we should freindly open o^r^ minds each to other, upon such thinges as we have in this behalfe, and to elect certayne discreet persons of both parties w^ch^ authorized may in the name of us all devise w^t^ shall be most expedient for both partyes and for a perpetuall quietnes, And if it may be soe, to ripe the matter unto the Kings gracious hands, as if it be Gods pleasure his Grace shall have little difficulty or stoppe by either of us to make a perpetuall peace among us, not minding thereby to drawe backe or goe from our sayd submissions, but most humbly and willingly persisting in the same, shall after such communication had (if it please his Grace to license us thereunto) come unto his Maiestye w^t^ relation of o^r^ sayd communication not concluding any thinge, but allwayes reserving unto his pleasure all such determinations as we have most faythfully promised, desyring yo^r^ masterships if you thinke this communication may stand w^th^ the Kings gracious pleasure, and may doe any good among us as we trust it should, to be a meane unto the Kings highnes that we may by his gracious letters have notition of his licence hereupon granted unto us; and if it be thought unto you this motion of o^r^ freinds and neighbors for an amicable communication to be had, be not to be attempted nor opened unto the Kings highnes, advertise us of you^r^ mind and pleasure, and wee shall pray to Allmighty God long to p^r^serve yo^r^ masterships to his high pleasure and you^r^ harts desire. At Oxford the 4^th^ day of January, by yo^r^ owne to ou^r^ powres.

William Tresham, Commissary there.
John Pye, Maior there.
Thomas Knowles, President of Mag. Coll.
John London, Warden of the New Coll.
Joannes Claimondus Eucharistiæ Servus.

John Austin.
Michaell Heth.
Will'm Flemming.
Will'm Fryer.

*Inscriptio in dorso.*

To the worshipfull M^rs^ Sr William Fitzwilliams Knight of the Kinges most Honorable order, And to M^r^ Thomas Cromwell one of the Kinges most Honorable Counsell, And to either of them w^t^ speed.

*Twyne*, ii. 202.

1533, Jan. 21. *For Bochers.*

M^d at a Counsell holden the xxj day of January, in the xxiiij^th yere of King Henry viij, it is agreed by the more parte of the Counsell the bochers of the Towne of Oxford shall every Sonday in the yere sell flesshe in theyr shoppys. A. 10.

1533. *Lease of Pyebakers place.*

[William Frere, Mayor, and y^e whole Comminalty of Oxon., demise to one John Rappe, skynner, of Oxford, a certayne tenement in S^t. Maries parish called Pyebakers place, adioyninge unto a lane goinge out of y^e high stret unto S^t. Mary hall on y^e east part, and uppon a tenement pertayninge unto Thomas Bentley, gentleman, on the west part, and upon the High Street on the north, for the yearly rent of x^s.] *Twyne.*

1533, May 13. *Thomas Hewster.*

[Thomas Hewster compounds for a Bailiff's place.] A. 10.

1533, Sept. 26. *For Great Crypley.*

M^d the xxvj day of September, an^o xxv^ti Hen. viij, it is concented by the hole Counsell that John Smythe, bocher, shall have the gret Crypley for xxj^ti yeres, to begyn at Michelmas next commyng, paying iij^li yerly; and the sam John Smythe shall make the fenses aboutts the same, and to sette it aboutts w^t wylloys, and also to make a waye unto the same for a cart to goe over. A. 10.

1533, Sept. 26. *Compounders.*

[Richard Wykested and Wylliam Spencer compound for Chamberlains' places.] A. 10.

1532-3. *Hanasters in the time of John Pye, Mayor; John Smythe and Richard Bartram, Chamberlains.* 24 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Sept.* 28, 1533.]

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| . . . . . Tovy, tanner. | Richard Stanley. |
| John Collyns, of Lyttylmore. | Henry Walton. |
| John Humston. | Christopher Prior. |
| Roger Smythe. | John Fryse, carver. |
| Henry Ordewaye. | James Androse. |
| William Hore. | Robert Bacheler. |
| Philip Dee, hossyer. | Richard Clarkeson. p. 156. |
| Robert Stanley. | |

1533, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Pye.

*Bailiffs*, { William Singleton, Thomas Ellingham. | *Chamberlains*, { William Taylor, Richard Atkynson.

*Common Council*, { William Tovy, Edward Glympton. A. 56 b.

1533, Nov. 19. *Alledged unlawfull proclamations at Carfax by the University.*

Memorand y^e^ 19 day of November, in y^e^ yeare and reigne of K. Henry y^e^ viij 25°, cometh D^r^. Thornton, monke, deputy to y^e^ Commissary of the University of Oxford, and Rich. Wight, d^r^. of lawe; Thom. Hunte, d^r^. of lawe; John Pekyns and [Owen] Oglethorp, Proctors of y^e^ same University; Hue Weston, scholler; Edward Cooper, clerke; Richard Pey, scholler, w^th^ other, cometh to y^e^ Carfox, called y^e^ markett place, w^th^ weapons uppon them, riotously takinge uppon them by force to make unlawfull proclamations w^th^out autority, w^th^ divers quarrelles and unfittinge wordes and opprobrious to y^e^ Mayor of the said Towne, which if the sayd Mayor had not suffered them at that time, they were dispersed to a caused murder to be done. *Twyne*, iv. 20.

1533, Dec. 6. *The Mayor, Aldermen, and other Citizens Discommoned.*

Memorand. y^e^ 6 day of December, in the yere and reigne of Kinge Henry y^e^ viij 25°, one William Tresham, Commissary of y^e^ University of Oxford; John Pekyns, [Owen] Oglethorpe, Proctors of the University aforesaid, w^th^ all y^e^ heds of colledges and halles of y^e^ same University, resemblinge in a great multitude together at a place w^th^in y^e^ parish church of S^t^. Mary w^th^in y^e^ Towne of Oxford, called y^e^ Congregation house, and y^e^ said Commissary, w^th^ y^e^ Proctors and all y^e^ heds of y^e^ same house, w^th^ y^e^ consent of all y^e^ heds of colledges and halles, there determyned and inacted w^th^ on assent and consent to discomyn one John Pey, Mair of y^e^ Towne of Oxford, Joh Austen, Michaell Hethe, of y^e^ same Towne, Aldermen, w^th^ divers of y^e^ sayd Towne to y^e^ number of 20 and above, that no schollar nor none of their servants should buy nor sell w^th^ none of them, neither eat nor drink in their houses, under payne of for every time so doinge to forfeyt to y^e^ Commissary 6^s^ 8^d^, which is to y^e^ hindrance of y^e^ Kinges subjects, and against a statute made by y^e^ Kinge our soveraigne lord King Henry y^e^ vij, in his yeare and reigne y^e^ 19, which was made by Act of Parliament.

[This statute here mentioned is a statute y^t no corporation or fraternity should make any ordinances w^thout the consent of certayne there named, &c.]

Item, y^e sayd Commissary did enter into y^e butchers houses w^th force, and there did strike out y^e marke which y^e Mayor of the Towne of Oxford had striken in y^e forsayde butchers waytes, accordinge to y^e tenor of y^e Kinges proclamations directed to all Mayors of townes corporatt w^thin this realme, concerninge y^e weight of flesh, and to see that every of y^e Kinges subiects should be indifferently served, which marke was y^e lyon and crowne; and y^e Commissary w^th his power did strike out y^e Kings name in y^e same place, and sett on y^e marke of y^e University, which is y^e booke w^th 7 clapses, in derision of y^e Kinges authority and his grace's name, whom God preserve and keepe. *Twyne*, iv. 20.

15$\frac{33}{34}$, Jan. 12. *Inrolment of Jerome Hampden's Charter.*

[Jerome Hampden of Hartwell, Esq^r., cousin and heir of John Egecombe, and Joan Egecombe, widow, late wife of the said John, demise to John Browne, Thomas Wrythesley, *alias* Garter herald-at-arms, John Elmes, Henry Bradschawe, John Collett of London, mercer, and William Perffey, all those manors, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, &c., in the counties of Oxon and Berks., or elsewhere within England; and appoints Robert Morewen, clerk, and William Thomas, his attorneys, to deliver seizin of the same. Dated 12 January, 25 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 168.

15$\frac{33}{34}$, Jan. 26. *Inrolment of Antony Bysshopps Charter.*

[Antony Bysshopp, late of Burford, co. Oxon, in consideration of the sum of £20 in hand paid by Richard Gonter, of Oxford, gent., sells a tenement in the parish of Saynt Marten called the Red Lyon, in a strett ther called the ffysche strett, between a tenement called the fflewre de lewsse of the north part, and a tenement late John Eggecombes, gent., of the south part, and abutteth apon the backesyde of the sayde flowredelewsse of the west part, and apon the Kyngs strett on the est part. Dated 26 Jan., 25 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 173.

15$\frac{33}{34}$, March 5. *Grant of a Messuage in Cattestrete.*

[Richard Wotton, superior bedel of theology in the University of Oxford, grants to John Claymond, clerk; Robert Morwyn, clerk, and others, a messuage in Cattestrete, and three tenements in the parish of St. Giles with certain land in the suburbs of Oxford. Dated 5 March, 25 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 169.

1534, June 11. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.*

[Master John Pytte, S.T.B., presented by the provost and fellows of Oriell to the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on the resignation of Master John Pytts.] *Linc. Reg.*

1534, July 17. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.*

[Master William Tresham, S.T.P., presented to the church of St. Mary Magdalen, by reason of a concession from Oseney, on the resignation of Master John Gurle.] *Linc. Reg.*

1533—34. *Hanasters in the time of John Pye, Mayor; William Taylor and Richard Atkynson, Chamberlains.* 25 *and* 26 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Sept.* 28, 1534.]

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| John Bennet, | John Hogynson, | Symon Merry, |
| John Stormy, coper, | Richard Bond, | John Hastyngs, armeror, |
| Robert Coke, | Nicholas Millegate, | Olyver Rossell, |
| Edward Cockered, | Bartholomew Merry, | Thomas Casson, |
| William Blondell, | Thomas Kendall, | Thomas ...., flecher, |
| John Nicolson, | William Robynson, | William Whyt, |
| Edward Trayford, | Rowland Cowper, | John Nicolson, |
| Robert Wylde, | William Nappere, | Christopher Mondy. |
| John Dounston, | Edward Staunton, | William Hemryge. |
| George Aungell, | Robert George, | Alexander Pye. |

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1534, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Frere.

*Bailiffs*, { Edmund Jeryshe, William Clare. | *Chamberlains*, { David Prat, Nicholas Hore.

*Common Council*, { William Frewen, William Bodington. A. 57 b.

1534, Oct. 7. *John Robenson.*

Md that the vij day of October, anº xxvjto Henrici viij, John Robynson is monyshed for that he dyd mysvse hymselfe to Mr. Pye, beinge Mayre of the Towne, and soe is monyshed for dyvers other falts. A. 10 b.

*John More.*

Item, John More is monyshed for that he dyd mysuse hym selfe to John Dobson, on of the Burgesses of the Towne. A. 10 b.

1534, Oct. 7. *For Bruars and Bakers.*

M^d at a Counsell holden the vij day of October, An^o predicto, It is agreed by the hole Counsell that the brewers and bakers of the Towne of Oxford shall have a ordynaunce for ther occupacions of brewers and bakers, as it shalbe devysed by lernyd Counsell under the Towne seale. A. 10 b.

1534, Oct. 7. *Agnes Bartram.*

[Agnes Bartram to have the house in Saint Mary's parish, late in the tenure of John Thorne for 21 years.] A. 10 b.

1534, Oct. 23. *Ordinance concerning the occupation of two or more Victualling Trades in Oxford.*

. . . . A comyn wele that oon single person maye use and contynually exercyse . . . . and manuell occupacions which be and oght to be the levyng and . . . . oon to kepe and ocapye his own proper craft or occupacion wheryn he hath byn broght upp, so that by their seyd so doyng every of them maye leve by thother. And by the sufferaunce of the contrarye many Citees and Townes dayly doe decaye, so that ther be fewe rych or thryfty men and grete multitude of pore and nedye men for the redresse and reformacion therof, to be hadde here in thys the Kyngs town of Oxon. It ys ordened, inacted, and decreed by the Mayr, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and Comynalte of the Town aforeseid at ther Comyn Councell at the Guyhald of the Town aforesaid, the xxiij daye of October, the 26 yer of K. H. viij, &c., assembled, and by autorite of the same, that no vytiller, that ys to seye, no bruer, baker, ffyshmonger, bocher, inholder, vyntener, nor chaundeler, which now inhabityth, or at any tyme herafter shall inhabite, wythyn the seid Town or subbarbs of the same, after the feest of the Epiphanye next commyng, by hymselff or eny other person or persons to his use shall kepe, hold, or exercise eny moe than oon of the seyd vyttelyng ocupacions before expressed wythyn the seid Town or subbarbs of the same, but shalbe contented to kepe, hold and exercise oonly oon of the foreseyd vytelyng ocupacions by itself wythowt delyng or medelyng wyth eny of thother foreseyd vytelyng ocupac'ons, savyng that it shalbe lefull for every comyn inholder dwellyng wythyn the seid Town and subbarbs of the same, to have in his seid inne almaner kynds of wyne, and the same to utter and sell to his gests and all other inhabitaunts and resorters for the same to his seyd inne. And yf it shall happon eny person or persons at eny tyme after the feest aforeseid to entermengubl or

ocapye any moe of the seyd vytelyng occupacions befor expressed wythyn the Town and subbarbs aforesayde, but oonly oon of them accordyng to this present ordinaunce, acte, and decre. That then he or they that so atempt and doe ocapye and exercise moe than oonly oon of the seid vitalyng occupacions shall leese and forfeyte for every moneth that he or they shall so ocapye moe of the seid vitelyng ocupac'ons than oon xl$^{s}$ sterlyng. The oon half therof to be to o$^{r}$ soverayn lord the Kyng, and the other half therof to the Mair and Comynalte of the Town aforesaid toward the payment of their feferme. Also it ys ordeyned, enacted, and decreed by the seid Mair, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and Comyns of the Town aforeseyd at the seyd Comyn Councell assembled, and by autorite of the same, that every Inhabitaunt and Inhabitaunts wythyn the seid Town and subbarbs of the same, of whatsoever astate, degree, or condicon he or they be occapying eny mete of whete or rye, mascelyn, benes, and pesen, for their bredd or their horsebred, therof to be made at all tyme or tymes after the seid feest of thepiphanye, shall bryng or cause to be brought all their seid whete, rye, mascelyn, benes, and pesen to the Kyngs mylles belongyng to the foreseyd Town, and to non other place, ther to be ground for a resonable and laufull toll therof to be taken, and yf eny person or persons now inhabytyng, or that hereafter shall inhabyte wythyn the seid Town of Oxon or the subbarbs of the same, at any tyme after the seid feest of thepiphanye, denye, or will not bryng nor send his or their seid whete, rye, mascelyn, benes, and pesen, or eny of them, to the Kyngs seid mylles, or to oon of them, but will grynde or cause their seid cornes to be ground elswher. That then he or they so denying or otherwise doyng contrary to this ordinaunce, shall forfeyte and leese for every weke that he so doth xx$^{s}$, the oon moyte therof to be to o$^{r}$ sovereyn lord the Kyng, and thother moyte therof to the May$^{r}$ and Comynalte of the Town aforeseid, toward the payment of their ffeferme for the mylls aforeseid; and also it ys enacted and agreed by the same Mair, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and Comynalte of the seid Towne that no person ne persons shall use eny maner of marchauntdyse or marchauntdysyng, nor use and exercise eny vytelyng, bying or sellyng, or eny handy craft or ocupacon wythyn the seid Town or subbarbs of the same, except he or they be free of the guyld of the seid Mair and Comminaltie wythyn the seyd town and subbarbs of the same, under the payn of every person and persons offendyng contrary to this present ordinaunce after monycyon gevyn unto hym or them by the Mair and Chamberleyns of the seid Town for the tyme beyng xl$^{s}$, for every tyme so doyng or offendyng, the oon half to our sovereyng lord the kyng, and thother half to the Mair and Commonalte of the same town.

And yf it shall happon eny person or persons at any tyme after the feest aforeseid to deny payment of the seid forfetur or forfeturs uppon hym or them sessed, or eny part or parcell therof when it shalbe lawfully demaunded of hym or them by the officer or officers of the Town aforeseid. That then it shalbe lawfull for the officer or officers aforeseid, by the commaundement of the Mair for the tyme beyng, to entr into the howse and shop of the seid offender or offenders, and ther to distrayn for the seid forfeyte or forfeyts, and the distresses so their taken to carie, lede, and bere awaye, and the same to retayn unto such tyme as the said offender or offenders make full payment of his or their seid forfetur' or forfetures. And yf the seid offender or offenders doe not redeeme and discharge his or their distresses so taken for his or their offences and forfetures aforeseid wythyn xv dayes next after the takyng of the same. That then it shalbe lawfull for the Mair and Baylyffs of the Town aforesaid for the tyme beyng to cause the seid distresse or distresses so takyn by indiferent honest persons to be praysed, and afturward to sell the same, and yf eny more money therof be made then the same forfetur' or forfeturs amount unto, that then the seid Mair and Baylyffs for the tyme beyng immedyatly uppon the sale and payment therof made shall delivere the overplus therof unto the owner or owners of the same distresse or dystresses. *City Records.*

1534, Nov. 20. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles'.*

[Master Edward Webster, M.A., presented to St. Giles by the Abbess and Convent of Godestow, on the resignation of Master John Barbor.] *Linc. Reg.*

1534, Dec. *The Answeare of the Mayor and Comminaltie of the Towne of Oxford to the Bill exhibited agaynst them by the Chanceller and Schollers of the sayd Towne.*

1. To the first article y^e^ sayd Mayor and Comminaltie seyne, that they doe not affirme that the sayd Chaunceller and Schollers have noe liberties, for that the Chaunceller and Schollers have delivered theire priviledges to the Kings heighnes, but the sayd Mayor and Comminaltie seyne that where y^e^ sayd Chaunceller and Schollers, by there craftie and suttle meanes, have from tyme to tyme devised wayes and meanes to obtayne certayne priviledges and grauntes of such and the same things w^ch^ longe befor wer graunted unto y^e^ said Mayor and Comminaltie: all w^ch^ priviledges and grauntes soe to them made be voyde in the lawe. And y^e^ Chan^r^ and Schollers that well perceivinge they purchased divers bulls and censures, yett by sinister meanes and untrue suggestions (alleaginge that the sayd

priviledges should be for good quietnes and rest of the students of y^e^ Universitie, where indeede the same privilegdes reduceth y^e^ sayd schollers to temporall besines, to the great unquietnes of them against all them that would not obey theire sayd unlawfull priviledges, for dred whereof the sayd Mayor and Comminaltie suffered them to usarpe and take from them divers such liberties and francheses as have bine graunted to the p^r^decessors of the sayd Mayor and Comminaltie, by the Kings most noble progenitors and by his ma^ties^ confirmed, and moreover the sayd Mayor and Comminaltie sayen that the sayd Chaun^r^ and Schollers have now of late devised, compassed, and imagined, and divers meanes and wayes how to take from the Mayor and Comminaltie theire liberties and francheses, and for that purpose only would that the sayd Mayor and Comminaltie should by surrender resigne all theire old right and title to their liberties and francheses, to the intente that the sayd Chaun^r^ and Schollers might be befor them in like to y^e^ save liberties and priviledges as y^e^ sayd Mayor and Comminaltie hath, and soe to spite the said May^r^ and Comminaltie from their prioritie to posterioritie, and finally to have theire liberties and francheses from them, to theire utter undoeinge and contrarie to all right and conscience.

2. To the 2 article the sayd Mayor and Comminaltie seyne, that truth it is that they affirme that the sayd Chaun^r^, Schollers, be not clarks of the markett, and that they have never used it peaceably, but by wronge usurpacion and by such drifts and meanes as in the first article is declared, nor it cannot bee w^th^ any good equitie, reasone, that they should be both buyers and sellers of the price, for they might and would then take their neighbo^rs^ goods, paying for it skantly halfe soe much as it were worth.

3. To the thre article the sayd Mayo^r^ and Comminaltie seyne, that the said Chaun^r^ Comessarie, and Schollers have not the over sight, reformacion and markinge of weights and measures, but only by usurpacion and such divises meanes as the sayd first article is rehersed w^s^out that, that the typlers and inholders buyinge xvij galons and a halfe of good alle for xx^d^, doe sell the same alle agayne w^t^in their houses for v^s^, or y^t^ the vinteners doe use unjust measures or the buchers untrue weight, to the p^r^judice of the resyants theire, as by the sayd bill untruly is surmised.

4. To the fourth article the sayd May^r^ and Comminaltie seyne, that they w^th^ould not from the University any deuty of v^li^ by the yeare, but they seyen that y^e^ sayd Chaun^r^ and Schollers used extorciously to take certayne fines of divers persons for licencinge of them to misuse theire occupacions, w^ch^ fines be now denied as lawfull ys for them to doe w^th^oute yt, that any chaplayne w^t^in y^e^ s^d^ University have

used to celebratte y^e offices of masses and dryges to pray specially for the Kings grace and his noble progenitors, accordinge to theire dewtyes in that behalfe.

5. To the v article y^e sayd Mayo^r and Comminaltie seyne, y^t they doe were weapons, and alwayes have used soe to doe, for they say y^t theire is noe lawe nor statute to y^e contrarie to prohibite them soe to doe, but yt be acts made by the sayd Chaun^r and Schollers, to the intent that they might the more easely doe displeasure and excecute theire malice upon the poore inhabitants of y^e said Towne, of w^ch acte yf any corporacion be had that was by such sinister meanes as in the first article is declareyd, and soe voyd of noe effecte.

6. To the 6 article y^e s^d Mayo^r and Comminaltie seyne, y^t the Kinge o^r soveraige lord and his noble progenitors, have graunted unto y^e s^d Mayor and Comminaltie power and autoritie to keepe the lawe day w^tin y^e precincts of y^e s^d towne, by reason whereof they have used tyme out of mynde, and yet doe use to reforme all common noyaunces from tyme to tyme as nede requireth, w^thout that y^e sayd Chaun^er and Schollers have any lawefull title or auctoritee to keepe any lawe day w^tin y^e sayd towne, or that they have any maner of right or titill to keepe any maner of courte in the guilde hall of the sayd Towne. And w^tout y^t that y^e Universitie and other of the Kings subiects have sustayned iniuries and annoyances by inordinate price of vitles and unwholsome p^rparacion of the same, or that they suffer combrances by kinde, swyne, blocks, dungehills and other like, as by the sayd article untruly is surmised, and w^tout y^t that ever any dowt or lawfull redresse or reformacion have and make by any courte by the sayd Chaun^r, as by y^e s^d article is alsoe untruely surmised.

7. To y^e vij^th article y^e s^d Mayor and Comminaltie seyne, that yf y^e s^d Chaun^r, Schollers, had any autorite to committ any freeman of the Towne, or other person to ward as they have not yet, y^e sayd Mayo^r and Comminaltie be not bounde to finde them a geale, and all be yt there were a composition made betweene the p^rdecessors of y^e s^d Mayor and Comminaltie of y^e one partie, and the Chaun^r and Schollers of the other partie, yet y^e now Mayo^r and Comminaltie be not bownden thereby. And yf they were bounde thereby to finde them a gaole, as they be not indeede, yett where as the sayd Chan^r, Com., and Schollers parte doe use wrongfully without any grounde or lawfull cause, but only for malice and ill will, to comytt any freeman of the sayd Towne to ward, the sayd Mayor and Comminaltie may not, nor ought in such case by reason imprison any person soe unlawfully comitted unto them.

8. To the viij$^{th}$ article the sayd Mayo$^{r}$ and Comminaltie seyne, y$^{t}$ the sayd Chaun$^{r}$, Comissarie, and Schollers doe many and sundrie tymes make proces agaynst y$^{e}$ freemen and inhabitants of the sayd Town by citacion, suspension, excommunication for temporall causes; and yf y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ freemen of y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Towne appeare before y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Comissarie, though the Comissarie hath used to sweare him forthwith to answeare to interogatories, w$^{ch}$ interogatores shalbe clearely out of y$^{e}$ matter y$^{t}$ complaynte is made of, beinge y$^{e}$ partie in hande, that theire lawe of y$^{e}$ University, or civill lawe, bindeth them to answeare to such interogatories; and y$^{t}$ it is for y$^{e}$ more health of theire soules where y$^{e}$ parties have noe knowledge of that lawe civill, nor yett of theyre lawe and statuts made in y$^{e}$ Universitie, nor can have any indifferent counsell there to instruckt them; wherefor many of the freemen and inhabitants of y$^{e}$ sayd Towne, perceivinge that they can have noe indifferent justice ministred unto them before the s$^{d}$ Comissarie, and alsoe y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Comissarie have not, nor ought to have, any autoritie in any such causes temporall as debts and trespasses to theire determininge, they refuse to appeare before y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Comissarie as lawfull is for them to doe w$^{t}$out that, y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Schollers, or any of them, cannot have theire dewtie and right of the sayd townsmen as in the sayd article is surmised.

9. To y$^{e}$ 9 article y$^{e}$ sayd Mayo$^{r}$ and Comminaltie sayne, y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ Chaunc$^{r}$ and Schollers beffor this tyme have constrayned by meanes and thrifts of excommunicacion, banishmente, and such other meanes (as in y$^{e}$ 1 article is declared), y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Mayor and townsmen to apper at S$^{t}$. Marie Church, and by like meanes and threfts constrayneth them to be bounde by obligacion for p$^{r}$formaunce of y$^{e}$ same, w$^{ch}$ obligacion is clearly voyd by the course of the common lawe where unto y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Mayo$^{r}$ and Comminaltie, prayen to be remitted for y$^{e}$ dewe triall of y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ obligacion.

10. To y$^{e}$ 10 article y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Mayo$^{r}$ and Comminaltie seyne, y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Chaunl$^{r}$ and Scollers by manifest threats of excommunicacion and banishmente, and by divers other sinister meanes subtilly devised, an othe to be given to y$^{e}$ Mayo$^{r}$, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and others of the sayd Towne, in w$^{ch}$ othe amongst other things it was contayned that y$^{e}$ sayd Mayo$^{r}$, Aldermen, Bayliffs and others should observe, mayntayne, and keepe all y$^{e}$ statuts, ordinances, and lawes of y$^{e}$ University made or to be made; and after y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Chaunc$^{r}$ and Schollers have att theire congregacion made divers statuts and lawes from tyme to tyme, w$^{t}$ extreame and unreasonable penalties upon y$^{e}$ inhabitants of y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Towne. And alsoe such lawes and statuts y$^{t}$ should abrogatt and take away clearly from y$^{e}$ said Mayor and Comminaltie all the liberties and fraunchises, for and to y$^{e}$ intente

to have the whole power temporall into theire owne hands, and to them graunted by y^e^ Kings Ma^tie^ and his noble progenitors, in soe much that y^e^ sayd Chan. and Sch. by such lawes and statuts brought y^e^ Kings temporall subiects of y^e^ sayd Towne in such uncharitable subiection, that many of them most substantialist persons of them did yerly forsaken the Towne; and for as much as it was not lawfull for y^e^ s^d^ Chaunc^r^ and Schollers to make any such statuts, nor to assemble themselves together for any such intent, and consideringe alsoe y^t^ theire sayd statuts and lawes bee contrarie and weere repugnante to y^e^ othe taken by y^e^ sayd Mayo^r^ and Comminaltie of y^e^ Kinge o^r^ soveraigne Lord, and alsoe repugnante and meere contrarie to y^e^ Kings statuts and lawes of this his realme, where unto y^e^ sayd Mayo^r^ and Comminaltie bee inheritable. The said Mayo^r^, Aldermen, Bayliffs and others have refused, and yett doe refuse, to receive the sayd othe w^t^out y^t^ y^e^ s^d^ oathe ever have time occac'on of any quietnes or good continuance of y^e^ sayd Universitie, as by y^e^ sayd x article untruly is surmised.

11. To y^e^ xi article y^e^ s^d^ Mayo^r^ and Comminaltie sayne, y^t^ y^e^ s^d^ Comissarie and Schollers in buyinge coneys, ought not to sett y^e^ price of coneys nor of other things w^ch^ they buy of y^e^ freemen of y^e^ Towne, for yf they may be suffered soe to doe, they will not give the pulterers nor other freemen of the Towne ij^d^ for that that costs them 3^d^. And many tymes the sayd Commissarie doe take coneys and other vittailes from y^e^ poore vittellers and give them nothinge for it. And for y^t^ y^e^ s^d^ Comissarie tooke from y^e^ s^d^ putler man, as y^e^ same xi article specifieth, vj couple of coneys and payd nothinge for them; and y^e^ same man conceived an accion agaynst y^e^ sayd Comissarie at Westmenster as lawefull (was for him to doe) w^t^out y^t^ y^e^ sayd man conceived any accion agaynst y^e^ sayd Comissarie for dispute as y^t^ y^e^ sayd Comissarie is fattigate or vexed for doeinge of justice, or thinge beherable to a comenwealth, or y^t^ y^e^ Comissarie useth to permitte any such causes of commonwealth in experience.

12. To y^e^ xij article y^e^ sayd Mayo^r^ and Comminaltie seyne, that they have not indited the Proctors of felonie nor other persons upon fayned causes for meere malice, but they say that xij men had evidence given unto them by y^e^ said William Grethedde, beinge sworne y^t^ y^e^ Proctors w^t^ others came and puld oppen in the night y^e^ doores of y^e^ s^d^ W^m^ Grethedde, and came to his hous wheare he was goenge to his bedd in his chamber, wh^n^ seeing his doores broken up came downe with a poker in his hande for his defence, and asked them what they did in his house, they sayd Knave thou shalt knowe what, and then they struke hime and fell him downe, and tooke his purse

with ij$^{s}$ 4$^{d}$ in it w$^{th}$ other things, and brought hime to prison, for y$^{e}$ w$^{ch}$ unlawfull act y$^{e}$ Proctor was indited; and whereas they were comaunded by the judges for to keepe the Kings waich, they were chardged that they should not waich w$^{th}$out the justice, y$^{e}$ constable and divers other were in theire company, &c. And when y$^{t}$ they say that M$^{r}$ Secretarie latly beinge at Oxford, comaunded y$^{e}$ Mayo$^{r}$ and justices theire that they should not procede any further in such matters, this inditmente of y$^{e}$ Proctors was founde befor M$^{r}$. Secretarie came thither, and since his beinge there wee have gone noe further in inditinge any priviledge person as his comaundmente was, but we have stayed, though they were affrayd y$^{t}$ wee would have arrayd Frier Best and John at o$^{r}$ sessions, and y$^{t}$ was Secretarie commaunded for to stay, and soe it was.

13. To the xiij article the sayd Mayo$^{r}$ and Comminaltie seyne, that y$^{e}$ sayd Comissarie and Schollers, about an yere past, assembled them selves unlawfully together at theire congregacion howse to the intente only to discommon[34] a great number of the most substantialest and honest freemen of y$^{e}$ sayd Towne, and then and there soe unlawfully assembled, most uncharitably and agreed and inacted noe Scholler nor other person clayminge any priviledge by y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Universitie, or repareinge and comminge to any othem, should come into the house or houses of any of the s$^{d}$ most substantiall and honest freemen of y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Towne, nor should buy nor sell w$^{t}$ them, nor eate and drinke w$^{t}$ them, nor come into there company, as though they had not bine Christien men, for w$^{ch}$ unlawfull assemblie a most undiscreet acte makeinge, a certayne number of the makers therof were indited, or y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Mayor and Comminaltie doe imagin to doe despleasur to y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ Chaun$^{r}$ and Schollers as by y$^{e}$ s$^{d}$ bill untruly is surmised, but have alwayes and yett be glad to live in rest and peace w$^{th}$ them, without discention, variances, or debate, accordinge to y$^{e}$ lawes of God, and y$^{e}$ lawes of o$^{r}$ most dread and naturall soveraigne Lord the Kinge, whose Ma$^{tie}$ we most humble beseech to put to his gracious hands for some good direction to be had in this behalfe. *Twyne*, iv. 112.

[1534.] *Clauses conteyned in the wrytyngs of M$^{r}$ Mayer and his brethren, w$^{ch}$ Clauses are thought very unreasonable, and are manifest signes y$^{t}$ M$^{r}$ Mayer and his bretheren doth not effectually purpose to take any amicable, equall, or quiet end with the Universitie.*

Inprimis, amongst and after divers restraynts and diminucions by the Towne requyred to be had in our pryvyleges, lybertyes, statutes,

[34] That Discommoning was on Dec. 6, 1533.

composicions, and laudable customes of long tyme accustomed, usid, and of them selfe to be conserved by vertue of corporall othe gyven to the Universitie. In the xj$^{th}$ article of their first bill they wold that in the night wach to be kept by the Univ. no freman of the Towne commynge from his neiburs howse to his owne at any tyme in the night, nether that any freman or his servants goynge about theyr worldly businesse in the night should at any tyme be vexed or trobled by the wach: the unreasonablenes hereof appeareth first, if students should have like libertye graunted to walke in the night, as like reason would require for causes apperteyninge than the watch should not chalenge or vexe any man at any tyme, and consequently as good to be no watch att all; and secondaryly, if such lycence of night walkinge were suffered it should be the occasions of many frays, of much robory and bribery, both by the water and land, and the servants take occasions to robb theyr owne masters.

Item, in the xj$^{th}$ article of theyr second byll they require that all such persons as shalbe by the Chaunceller appoynted to watch in the night, that what tyme they shall watch they shall be sworne in the open markett place: this clause is not reasonable, for it doth clerly frustrate the intent that night watchinge was ordeyned for, y$^{t}$ is to saye good order and the punishment of outthrifts and offenders, for when the ill disposed persons perceyve by the othe given that watchinge shall be that night they will absteyne, and when they se no othe given in the markett then will they be bold that night to do hurt, and thus here is a way to mayteyne disorder and to save ill disposed from punishment.

Item, in the xiij$^{th}$ article of their first bill they require that the Chaunceller of the Universitie or his Commyssary should be sworne to the Mayer of the Towne to see the Kings peace kept, and that the Universite shall not usurpe hereafter at any tyme any other privileges then the Kings grace nowe and the towne are agreed upon: ffirst their is cause why the Maire ought to be sworne, &c., as appeareth by privileges, and contrary there is no cause why the Chaunceller should give any othe to the Maire; and for the second part hereof we thynke it not reasonable that they should unbar the Kings highnes that his grace should not give us hereafter effectuall privyleges or enlarge the old for considerations movinge his grace, as have be done in tymes past by his graces noble progeniters, as appeareth by dyvers monuments.

Item, in the saide article the would clere take from the Chaunceller all faculty to banish and excommunicate eny townesmen: but this is no more but that the Chanceller should take uppon hym

ministration without power and due authorite, and openly agenst the tenor of our privyleges w^ch^ they are sworne to conserve.

Item, wherein the first byll of articles in dyverse poynts they were somewhat farre of for a good agreement to be hadde betweene us in theyr latter byll of articles they recede much farther from agreement then they did before, and reserve almost every determination to the lawe wherein we are nott lernyd, so that they would nott our privileges but little to take effect. *Twyne*, v. 285.

[1535?] *Letter to Thomas Cromwell, from the Mayor and Aldermen of Oxford, concerning their Differences with the University.*

TO THE RIGHT WOR'FULL M^r^. CROMWELL, ESQUYER, OF THE KINGS COUNCELL.

Sheweth unto your good mastership the Mayor and Aldermen of the Towne of Oxford, that whereas we have had of old tyme liberties, grauntes given, graunted and confirmed by the Kings grace heighnes, and by his progenitors Kings of England, that by the auctoritie thereof they have licenste us to here and determine all mens suites, plees, actions and demaundes, had, don and comitted within the accompasse and ffranchies of the sayd Towne, of which liberties, grauntes, and confirmations we have bine many tymes by the Universitie of the said Towne, grieved, vexed, and disturbed, soe that what wee have done by our whole diligence to put and bringe to concord, they clayminge like power and like grauntes have and doe use dayly to keepe courtes, and use in the same to here and determine all and singulare contracts made and had betweene the townsmen and the schollers as other matters belonginge to the customes of the sayd Universitie. And they have accustomably used that if he were a townsman, and would not obey, observe, and keepe the p^r^cept and commaundments given unto hime by the Commenssarie, that then incontinente he should bee suspend, accursed, and discomined, by reason whereof Kings subjects in the sayd [Towne] inhabitinge have bine many tymes vexed and grived, for the remedie whereof we shewe unto your good mastership, especiall good master unto the sayd Towne, and to the Kings true subjecte inhabitinge in the same, for to informe the Kings most gracious heighnes that for all matters now in in travers betweene the sayd Towne and the Universitie and for the liberties of the same, a comission may be made y^t^ the Mayor of the sayd Towne and 2 of his brethren Aldermen of the same, and that the Comissarie and 2 of the sagest and discreetest learned of the sayd Universitie namen within the sayd comission, by vertue thereof

may have power to here, order, and determine all manner of matter as well by the townsmen as by the whole Universitie, and that from henceforth the Comissarie nor none for hime shall suspend, curse, or dyscomine, nor call any of the burgeses of the sayd Towne affor hime for noe matter of contracte betweene scholler and layman of the sayd Towne, excepte by vertue of the affore sayd comission, the Mayor and 2 of his brithren be associall with hime. Untill such tyme as it shall please the Kings highnes finally to affirme, establish, and determine the liberties and graunts of the same Towne, and wee your true oratours shall dayly pray to God for your m^r^ships good life longe to endure. *Twyne*, iv. 44.

1534/35, Jan. 30. *Commission for Enquiring into Abbey Lands, &c.*

[Letters patent of King Henry VIII., dated at Westminster 30 January, 26 of his reign, being a commission to enquire touching abbey and collegiate lands, addressed to William Freurs, Mayor of Oxford; William Tresham, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford; William Barentyne, Simon Harcourt, Walter Stonor, John Clerk, Thomas Ellyott, John Brome, knights; William Fermor, Thomas Carter, John More, William Raynesford, John Williams, Anthony Cope, John Dentton, John Pollard, Richard Grenehurst, Thomas Waynman; and Robert Huckvale, Henry Combis, Christopher Hucvale, and Richard Crippes, auditors.] A. 59—66.

1534/35, Feb. 26. *Release of Premises in the Parish of St. Michael north.*

[Christopher Harryson, of Shipton super Stower, co. Worcester, chapman, releases to William Fallofeilde, of Oxford, mercer, all his right in a messuage with appurtenances in the parish of St. Michael at the Northgate, between a messuage of Richard Flaxney, Alderman, of Oxford, on the south, and a lane called Cheyneylane on the north; of which one head abutts upon a messuage belonging to the chapel of the blessed Virgin Mary, in the church of St. Michael, to the east; and the other head abutts upon a vacant solar belonging to the prior and convent of Noneton, on the west. Dated Feb. 21, 26 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 161.

1534, March 2. *Relation of riotous acts by Scholars of the University against Henry Crampe and Philip Barbor.*

Hereafter ensueth y^e very truth of y^e beginninge of y^e fray made uppon Henry Crampe and Phillip Barbor y^e 2 day of March, in y^e 26 yeare of y^e reigne of our soveraigne lord Kinge Henry y^e 8 as y^e forenamed persons were comminge from supper from George Reve, Mayrs Sergeant, and so from thence to drinke w^th Walter Wayte, Towne Clerke, and as we y^e said persons, Henry and Phillip, were thus comminge, there stoode certayne persons, schollers of y^e Universitie, which sayde these wordes, There goeth 3 knaves. And there went a certayn person w^th y^e sayd Harry and Philip whose name is Harry Ordeway, otherwise called Harry Tayller, that heard y^e wordes spoke, and shewed y^e sayde Harry and Philip. Then the sayde Harry and Phillip returned back to y^e inne called y^e flower-de-luce there, as y^e wordes were spoken, and examined y^e persons that should speake them; and they denied them, whose names be Gwent and Bendebo; and so y^e sayde Harry and Phillip departed from them after a gentill manner to heare knowledge, and so Harre Crampe went home for his sword and armes to Walter Waytes house both, and there dranke. And at our comminge forth of the same house, goinge to our lodginge about 8 of y^e clocke at night, Gwent and others, to y^e number of 8 or 9 persons at y^e lest, stode at y^e dore and forestalled y^e houses w^th swordes drawen, and thretned me, Harry Crampe, and did beat y^e sayde Phillip, as we and y^e forsayde persons have taken our oath uppon a booke in Allhallowes church before William Freer, Mayre of Oxford, and his brethren justice of y^e peace, and D^r. Tresham, Commissary of y^e University of Oxford, and John Bonde, warden of Newe Coll., there beinge present, with other men of the University; and there y^e forenamed Gwent, as y^e beginner of y^e fray, was there present and his fellowes here followinge, that is to say, Arundell Butler of Allson Coll., and John Jenkyns of y^e same house; and one Wharleton, singing man of Friswydes Colledge; and one Edenshall, servant to D^r. Tresham, Commissary of y^e sayd University; and one Wyxe, singinge man; and one Dennys, a poore scholler and a teacher of fence, and many more that we doe not knowe. And this is the truth and uppon y^e othe that we have taken before y^e sayd justices, to die therefore if it can be proved contrary.

Written w^th myne owne hand by me, Henry Crampe and Phillip Barbo^r, y^e 14 day of March, p^rsoners in Bocardo in Oxforde. *Twyne*, iv. 21.

1534/35, March 8. *For Sute yn the Court of Oxford. Disfranchisement openly at Cairfox.*

At a Counsell holden the viij$^{th}$ day of Marche, in the xxvj$^{ti}$ yere of King Henry the viij$^{th}$, it is condissented and agreed by the hole Counsell, that noe bourges of the Towne shall sue one another owte of thys courte, to be holden in the Guihalde before the Mayre and Bayllyffs of the same Towne ; and yf the same person that soe dothe sue and cannot have right, that than the same person shall complayne in the Counsell howse before the Counsell, and ther to be orderyd at the dyscression of the Counsell, and he that dothe the contrary shalbe dysfranchesed opynly at Carfox. A. 10 b.

*For another ordre for Hoggs.*

At the day and yere above wretten it ys condyssendyd by the hole Counsell, that every inhabytaunt of the Towne that hathe hoggys that they shall kepe them uppe, and shall nott suffer them to goe at large; and yf they be taken after Sonday next, the then Bayllyffs shall take for every hogge iiij$^{d}$, and the next tyme viij$^{d}$, and the iij$^{de}$ tyme xvj$^{d}$. A. 11.

1534/35, March 16. *Ordinance concerning the stocking of Port Meadow.*

M$^{d}$ at a Generall Counsell holden in the Guildehall before Mr. Freurs, Mayre of the Towne of Oxford, the Aldermen, Bayllyffs, Chamberlyns, Comon Counsell, and the more parte of the hole Commons of the same Towne, the xvj day of Marche in the xxvj$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$, it is condyssented and agreed in the sayd hall by the sayde Mayre, Aldermen, Bayllyffs, Chamberlyns, Comon Counsell, and the more parte of the sayd Cominalty that Mr. Mayre for the yere being shall have iiij best goyng in Porte man eight, every Alderman iiij bests, every Baylyfe iij bests, and all other bourgeses and comyners ii bests and noe more. And noe maner of person shall kepe noe sheppe nor lames goyng in the sayd mede after lauffull monycion geven to hym or them, than he that dothe the contrary to forfayte at the fyrst tyme to thusse of the feferme to be leveyd by the Baylyffs of the Towne for the tyme being vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$, the ij$^{d}$ tyme xx$^{s}$, the iij$^{de}$ tyme to forfayte ther sheppe to thusse of the feferme. *Hanisters*, p. 399 b.

1535, May 7. *For the voyde grounde wythowte South brydge.*

At a Counsell holden the vij day of May in the xxvij$^{ti}$ yere of the reigne of King Henry the viij$^{th}$. Yt ys accorded and agreed by the hole Counsell that the bochers of the Towne of Oxford

shall have the voyde grounde by the Southe Bryge, called Lamberds lande, to make a sklautter housse apon paying yerly therfore a compotent rent, and yf the sayd bochers wylnott bylde the sayd housse, that than yf any other person wyll take uppon hym to bylde the sayd house shall have the same voyde ground apon a competent rent. And that the bochers which have sklaucters howses now in the lane shall voyd and kyll noe moe ware in the sayd howses by the fest of Ester next commyng. A. 11.

1535, June 20. *That the Bochers shall sell there Tallowe yn the Cytye.*

M^d^ at a Counsell holden the xx day of June, An^o^ Reg' Henrici viij^o^ xxvij^o^, it ys condyssented and agreed by the more parte of the Counsell that the bochers of the Towne and suburbys of the same shall sell ther talloe to the chandelers of the Towne, and to noe other persons dwelling oute of the Towne, under the payne to forfayte at every tym that doe the contrarye to the usse of the Chamber of the Towne xx^s^, and the talloe that ys soe takyn to be to the usse of the Chamber. A. 11 b.

*For sellyng of Candylls.*

Item, at the day and yere above wretten, it ys agreed that the chandelers inhabeting w^t^in the Towne and suburb shall serve the Towne and Unyversite w^t^ candylls at such pryses as shall be sett by the justices of the pesse, and that they sell noe candylls out of the Towne, vntyll suche tym as the Towne and Unyversite be served, under the payne of x^li^ to be p^d^ to thusse of the Chamber of the Towne. And after the pryses soe made, yf the chandelers doe nott sell according to the proclamasion shall forfayte xx^s^ to the usse above wretten. A. 11 b.

1534-5. *Hanasters in the time of* [*William Frere*], *Mayor; David Pratt and Nicholas Hore, Chamberlains.* 26 *Hen. VIII.* [*Ending Sept.* 28, 1535.]

Thomas Ryley.
Robert Wryght.
William Harryson.
Thomas Parkyns.
Thomas Bradley.
William Comber, sen.
William Comber, jun.
John Stallocke.
William Wodcoke.
Thomas Bayly.
Thomas ...., coper.
Robert Smythe *alias* Ketylseby.

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| Thomas Elmys, cordwainer. | Robert Maydeman. |
| Henry Tourrell. | Andrew Vynsent. |
| Thomas Bradley, tayllor. | Thomas Mallison. |
| Thomas . . . . , smyth. | Edward Gardyner. |
| John Pers. | Thomas Barne *alias* Carter. |
| Thomas Symcoke. | Andrew Ferne. |
| Richard Singleton. | John Haddon. |
| Thomes Hignell, bocher. | Lewys Davys, tayllor. |
| Thomas Flye, smyth. | Robert Sate. |
| Thomas Wrytte, tayllor. | John . . . . , hossyer. |
| John Ryxson. | William Banyster. |

p. 167 b.

1535, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Freurs.

*Bailiffs*, { William Tayllor, William Spencer.

*Chamberlains*, { William Kyrs, Roger Holden.

*Common Council.*
Nicholas Hall,
John Hewett,
William Gosse,
John Hore.

*Alderman*, Richard Flaxeney *loco* John Austen.

A. 67.

1535, Oct. 7. *Christopher Walker and Edward Glympton admitted.*

[Christofor Walker admytted to the office of Chamberlyn, and hath paid iiij$^{li}$.

Edward Glympton oppynly in the Guihalde on the eleccion day was chossen to the office of Chamberlyn, and shall pay for his admyssion iiij$^{li}$.] A. 11 b.

1535, Oct. 26. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.*

[Master George Sutton, S.T.B., presented by the Provost and Fellows of Oriell College to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the resignation of Master John Pytts.] *Linc. Reg.*

1535, Dec. 14. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles.*

[Master John Price, LL.B., presented by the Abbess and Convent of Godestow to the Church of St. Giles, on the resignation of Edward Webster, M.A.] *Linc. Reg.*

1535/36, Feb. 21. *Inrolment of the Will of Richard Flaxeney.*

In dei nomine, Amen, xxj die mensis Februarii, Ano dni MCXXXV. I, Richard Flaxeney, of the parishe of Saynt Marten in Oxford, syke of body and hole of mynde, make my Testament in thys wyse,

Inprimis, I bequethe my solle unto Almyghtty God and to o$^{r}$ blessed lady saynt Mary, and to all the saynts of hevyn, and my body to be buryd in the parishe churche of Saynt Marten aforesayd, in the chappell of Saynt Thomas, paying therfor vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. Item, I bequethe to the cathedrall church of Lyngcolne iiij$^{d}$. Item, to the hyght alter of the same churche of Saynt Marten aforesayd, for forgotten thythes and oblacions, iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Item, I bequethe to Raffe Flexeney my son, after the decesse of Alys my wyffe, a cottage withe the appourtenances, sett and lying in the parishe of Stanlake, called Kelpecks, whiche cottage was geven to me and Alys my wyffe by the bequest of Raffe Bowdyn. Item, I bequethe to the sayd Raffe vj$^{li}$ to be payd to hym the iij$^{de}$ day after my monethe mynde. Item, I bequethe to Richard Flaxeney my sone thre skore Aungell nobylls, to be p$^{d}$ to hym when he shalbe xix yeres of age. And yf the sayd Richard doe dy wythin the sayd tyme then x$^{li}$ therof shall remayne to Alys my wyffe, and v$^{li}$ therof to my son Raffe, and the overplus of the same mony to be dystrybutyd in the day of hys sepulture monethe mynd, and xij monethes mynde. Item, I bequethe to the sayd Richard my thyrde best fetherbed, w$^{t}$ ij blanketts, ij shetts, and a coverlet pelloe, and tester therto belongyng. Item, I bequethe to the sayd Richard my howse called Coventrye hall, in the parishe of Saynt Marten, w$^{t}$ thappurtenances, after the decesse of my wyffe, which I and my wyffe dyd bye of John Bagwell, or ells to pay to the same Richard thre skore poundys sterling. Item, I bequethe to my son Raffe my rydyng cote. Item, to my brother Thomas Flaxeney, ij$^{s}$. Item, to Robt hys son xvj$^{d}$. Item, to my brother Raffe Flexeney iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Item, to my brother William Flaxeney iij$^{s}$ iiijd. Item, to my brother Robt Flaxeney iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Item, to the sayd Robt my cloke. Item, to my sister Ioanne Rayer iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Item, to my sister Margrett Smart iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Item, to Justynyan Rayer iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Item, to every godchylde that I have iiij$^{d}$. Item, to Syr Richard Wygmore iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. Item, to John Pye vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. Item, to Richard Cotton vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. Item, to George Reve vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. And thos thre persons last before named I wyll to be overseers that thys my last wyll be fulfylled. Item, to the Towne Clerke than being, for regesteryng of my testament after that it ys proved into the Towne boke iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. All the resydue of all my goods, funeralls, detts, and legaces payd, I give and bequethe to Alys my wyffe, whom I make my full executrix, for to dispose for my solle and all Christen solls as she shall therof thynke best. Testibus hiis, Richard Wigmore, Curate, John Pye, Richard Cotton, and George Reve, cum multis aliis. *Lib. Alb.*, 174.

15$\frac{35}{36}$, March. *The Depositions of John Robynson, one of ye Sergeants of ye Towne of Oxford, Robert Davis, Crior of ye same Towne, Richard Cotton and Robt', of ye same Towne, bakers, Robt Maydman, of ye saide Towne, hossyer.*

In primis, John Robinson deposeth yt Edmund Shether, one of ye Proctors of ye Universitie of Oxford, ye 3d day of March in ye xxvijth yeare of ye Raigne of our soveraigne lorde Kinge Henry ye eight, betweene vij and viij of ye clocke in ye night, as he Robt. Davis and a servant of Mr. Pakingtons were goinge to Mr. Pyes house where Mr. Pakington did lodge, ye saide Edmunde Shether sate uppon a blocke in ye streete afore ye shoppe of one Robt Jermyns, of ye same Towne, barbar, havinge a pole axe in his hand, a black cloake on his backe, and a hatt on his head, and when yey were past him at Carfax yey were all three striken downe and their sore beaten.

Item, Robt. Davis, of ye aforesaid towne, Crior, affirmeth ye sayings of ye saide John Robinson.

Item, Richard Cotton deposeth yt ye abovenamed Edmund Shether ye foresaide 3de day of March, about ye houre of viij of ye clocke in ye night, came to his dore with a pole axe in his hand, and a blacke cloake on his back, and a hatt on his head, and certaine company with him to ye number of viij persons, and one of them whose name is John Jenkyns, of Allsoulls Colledge, commaunded him to goe in at his dore, or els he would strike off his heade.

Item, Robt Maydeman deposeth yt as he and a little ladde wch is his brother were comminge from Oseney to his house ye 3de day of March last past, about ye houre of eight of ye clocke in ye night, mett with certayne schollers against St. Peters Church in Bayly, and there did beate him, and ere yt he came at Carfaxe there met him another company of schollers and there beate him, and at Carfax their met him another company and did beate him, and there lost his cappe, and soe ye said Robt. would have taken his house, and ye schollers yt were in ye street did put him from his dore, soe yt he was fayne to take one William Dewys house, a botcher; and within halfe an houre after ye sayd Robt. came to ye dore and would have gon to his house, and their met with Edmund Shether, ye Proctor, goinge downe ye streete with a poleaxe in his hand, and had a paire of brexen journeys on his backe, and a blacke cloake them, and a skoll on his head, and there desired him yt he might have his cappe yt he lost, and therewith ye Proctor did thrust his pole-axe at him, but saide never a word to him.

First, Robt. Clerke of Oxford, cordyner, deposeth and saith uppon his oath yt one Thomas Wharleton, one of the singingmen of ye

Kings Colledge in Oxford aforesayde, botcher, and their sayde to y^e sayde Robt. Clerke, I trust shortly to wash my hands in y^e umbles (?) of y^e cuckcolds knaves of y^e Towne, and y^e said Robt. Clerke answered and saide, y^t is pitty, and so departed his way.

Item, Thomas Bradley of Oxford aforesaide, taylor, saith uppon his oathe y^t one .... Filledewe, one of y^e fellows of Newe Colledge in Oxforde, y^e 4^th day of March last past at one of y^e clocke in y^e afternoone, came to y^e Carfax with a sworde under his gowne, and other company with him, and their stoode in y^e market, and from thence came to y^e same Thomas Bradleys house and saide, Thou hast a clubbe of mine, if thou wilt not deliver it I will fetch it, and I will make thy face like a clubbe. And moreover y^e said Thomas saith y^t one Arnedell Butler, of All Soules Colledge, y^e vj day of March last past, aboute sixe of y^e clocke in y^e eveninge, met one John Bradley, brother to y^e said Thomas, and tooke his horse by y^e head, and asked, Where is y^t knave thy brother, and he said, I cannot tell, and then Arnedell saide, I will have him at one time or other.

Item, William Sale of Oxford, cordyner, and John Rappe, skinner, saith uppon their oathes y^t one John Jynkyn, of All Soules Colledge, skynner, and one Hilbold Hubberd, butler, of Allborne hall, y^e 3^d day of March last past, betweene vj and vij of y^e clocke in y^e eveninge, with 2 swords and one clubbe, did chase and drive one Thomas ...., botcher, into y^e house of y^e said John Rappe, and y^e said William Sale, standinge with y^e same John Rappe at his dore, they demaundynge of them why y^ey stood at their dore, and then y^e said Hibbold said If it were not for shame we would run through xx^tie of you with our swords, and moreover said y^t we shall not be quiet untill we have smitten of xx^tie of your knaves heads, and said, If you will not get into your houses we will run through you, and so y^ey were faine to shutt up their dores.

Item, y^t John Robenson and Robt Davys, and a servant of Mr. Pakingtons, were beaten comynge to Mr. Pyes house.

Item, Henry Wyner was beaten on y^e 3^de day of March, and sore hurt by one Alderey, of Whytehall, betweene vij and viij of y^e clocke in y^e night.

Item, Helmere, al's Aylemere, of White Hall, and Steephen y^e manciple of y^e same, y^e 4^th day of March last past, at Carfax, openly in y^e market place, about y^e houre of xj of y^e clocke in y^e forenoone, strake one Ralphe Cattlytte of Oxford, laborer, on y^e head with a sword, and sore cutt him so y^t his sword brake on his head, and y^e said Stephen cut him with another stroke uppon y^e lefte arme, and at that time came to him to Carfax about the number of cc schollers

or moe to assist y^e^ saide Stephen, and destroyed y^e^ market, y^t^ y^e^ market folke y^t^ would have solde their corne were fayne to carry it away againe, and every craftsman of y^e^ Towne was faine to shutt uppe their shoppe windowes.

Item, Nicholas Hore, of y^e^ Towne of Oxford, brewer, saith by his oath y^t^ y^e^ second day of March last past, about y^e^ houre of vj of y^e^ clocke in y^e^ eveninge, came unto y^e^ flower-de-luce in Oxford, and one . . . . . Monke, dwellinge at Migrott farm, in y^e^ parishe of Ledyatt, in Wiltshire, and ther dranke in y^e^ parlar, and their came in thither vj schollers and dranke with him, and then came in one called Ewent, of All-Soules Colledge, and their would have borrowed a sword, and there was none but y^t^ y^e^ saide Monke had, and y^t^ he would not lend, and then the said Nicholas Hore paid for the wine and departed their company, and as he should goe out of the house their stoode at y^e^ dore vj persons, who they were he knew not. And in his way homeward he entred into the house of one Thomas Lane, a neighbour of his, and their tarryed not, and as he came out from thence he sawe certaine persons, how many he cannot tell, striking and layinge uppon one Henry Crampe and Phillip Barbour w^th^ their swords, y^e^ said 2 p'sons peaceably coming out of y^e^ house of one Walter Wayte.

Item, y^t^ Edmund Shether, Proctour of y^e^ Universitie, came unto Carfax y^e^ 3^d^ day of March last past, and a great multitude of schollers with him, to y^e^ number of cc or there abouts, and theire kept the streets soe y^t^ noe townesman or their servaunts then being out of their houses but y^ey^ were beaten, and many of them were hurt and sore wounded. And then y^e^ saide Proctour and his company came to William Fallyfeilds house and brake downe y^e^ pentisyes and windowes of his house and his dores, and called for fire, and said they would fier his house; and from thence they went to Michaell Heathes house, one of y^e^ Aldermen of y^e^ saide Towne, and beate at his dores and windowes soe y^t^ they brake yere windowes, and called for fier, and bid him come forth out of thy house horson gorhelled churryll, and also y^e^ same night y^ey^ brake John Redshawes pentysen, and bid him come out horson theife.

Item, on y^e^ Saturday y^e^ 4^th^ day of March last past their came to Carfax a great company of schollers, to y^e^ number of cc and moe, and there kept y^e^ streets and y^e^ market place with clubs, bills, swords, and other armour, soe y^t^ y^e^ people y^t^ came to y^e^ market with their wares were fayne to shutt up and packe up theire wares and corne againe, and returne to their innes, and soe lost their market; and soe about the hour of xij of y^e^ clocke at noone y^ey^ came to William Spencers shoppe, one of y^e^ Bayliffs of y^e^ Towne, and asked of his servaunts Where is y^t^ horson knave Spencer your maister, and they

answered He is not at home, and with y^t answere they were not contented, but entred the shoppe of y^e said William Spencer, drave out his servants and spoiled his goods, to y^e great losse and hyndrance of y^e saide William Spencer.

Item, y^t William Woodcock, constable of Oxford aforesaide, armerer, y^e v^th day of March last past, and 2 other with him were going to Abingdon, and there followed him certaine schollers to y^e number of xij persons or more, soe y^t beyond y^e tower of y^e south bridge they overtooke him, and bid him stand and turn him horson thiefe, and with those words y^ey tow that were with him fled there way. And they said schollers strooke at him with their swords and clubs, and some cast stones at him and sore hurt him uppon y^e face and uppon all y^e other parts of his body, y^t for safeguard of his life he was fayne to leape from y^e bridge into y^e Temmes and soe swimmed, and as God would he chaunced under an arche of y^e bridge where y^e water was very shallowe, and theire recovered himselfe, or els they had slaine him. *Twyne*, iv. 117.

1536, May 18. *For makeyng a Vytteler Mayar.*

M^d at a Counsell holden the xviij^th day of May, in the xxviij^th yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij^th, it [is] condissented and agreed by the assent of the hole Commons, in the Guilde hall of the same Towne, that yf any vitteler, as baker or bocher, herafter shall happen to be made Mayre of the Towne of Oxford, that then he that ys Mayre shall not occupy hys occupacion duryng the tyme of that ys Mayre, under the payne of to forfayte to the usse of the Towne coffers x^li. A. 12.

1536, Aug. 1. *Inrolment of Thomas Day's Charter.*

[Thomas Daye of London, draper, and Margaret his wife, late the wife of George Waters, deceased, grant to William Flemyng of Oxon, grosser, and Joan his wife, the whole of their garden in Oxon, in the parish of St. Peter in le bayly, between the tenement of John Joyner on the east, and a garden of the Master and Fellows of le Bayly College on the west, and abuts upon the Kings high way there. Dated 1 August, 28 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 175.

1535-6. *Hanasters in the time of William Freurs, Mayor; William Crysse and Roger Holden, Chamberlains, from Mich. 27 Hen. VIII. to Mich. 28 Hen. VIII.*

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| William Tovy, | Thomas Trangham, | Robert Barton, |
| John Davys, | Percival . . . | William Glymer, |
| Robert Parke, | Richard Bloundell, | . . . . Syer. |

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1536, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Freurs.

*Bailiffs*, David Pratt, Nicholas Hore.
*Chamberlains*, John Howell, Stephen Bateman.
*Common Council*, Richard Whyttyngton, Gerard Plouzght, John Hawkyns, John Waukelyn.

*Alderman*, William Banyster, *loco* Rich^d. Flaxeney.

1536, Dec. 1. *For the Markett-place.*

M^d at a Counsell holden the fyrst day of December, in the xxviij yere of King Henry the viij^th, It is condissented by more parte of the Counsell that Mr. . . . . Clemens, President of Corpus Xpi College, shall have . . . sotts in the Hight strett called Northegatestrett, from the Crowne to the Kyngs hede, and there to bylde a howse for peopyll to stond to sell corne and all other grayne. A. 12.

1536/37, Jan. 18. *Proceedings in relation to certain Informations sent to the Privy Council by John Parkyns against the Abbots of Eynesham and Oseney.*

To our trusty and welbelovede Syr Symon Harecourt, Syr Willyam Barentyne, knights; William Fermor and John Willyams, esquyers; Willyam Freurs, Mayer of the Town of Oxforde; Michaell Heth, John Pye, and William Banester, or iiij of them.

Whereas we and our Cownsell are infourmed by the report and sayng of John Parkyns, that the Abbotts of Eynesham and Osney shuld speke certeyn words agaynst us and our dignitee, contrary to the allegyaunce they ought to bere unto us, we therfore, trustyng in yo^r wysdomes and indifferaunces, and upon the fidelyte ye bere unto us, callyng the parties before you in our name y^e woll growndely examyne and trye out the trouth and playnes of the mater, wyth the circumstances thereof, indevoryng yo^rself thereupon; that if ye fynde the seid abbotts, or eyther of them, culpable therein, that then y^e shall certyfye unto us and o^r Counsell the trouth and playnes of there demeanor of the same, by yo^r wrytyng under yo^r seales with asmoch dilygence as y^e convenyently may. And in case ye fynde the seid Parkyns to have accused them, or eyther of them, of malyce or of lyght demeanor, that then ye se hym have such ponyshment as by your discrecion shall thynck convenyent, not faillyng as we spetially trust you, and as y^e woll accomplysh o^r pleasure. Yeven

under our pryvie seall at our mano^r of Grenewich the xviij day of January, the xxviij^ti yere of our reigne.

Upon a Thursday in the mornyng I sent for the vicar named Serles, and when he cam unto me I desired hym to provyde holldyn to cary up letters to the Kings grace moost honorable Cownsell, for the Kyngs grace save gard, and so afterward he gate oon John Huggyns. And then the vicar came to my hostis, and said Huggyns wold be redye by and by; and I byd hym come with hym, and he shuld be dispatched immediatly. And within a while Huggyns knocked at my hostis dore, and I beyng in my chamber over the dore, askid hym and he where redy, and he seid he was redy. When I bad hym get hym to horse back, and bryng the vicar with hym, and he shuld be dispatched by and by. And I did se no more of the vicar nor Huggyns by the space of iij howres after. And then the vicar came to me, beyng in my hosts gardyne, and I did mete hym at the gardyn gate and seid to the vycar, Fye, for shame, vycar; art not thou ashamed to tract the tyme so long in the Kyngs grace affayres and besynes? The vicar seid, The Kyngs besynes, tush! by God I must loke to my selff before the Kyng. And *rem tacitus considerabam*, and delyvered my letters concernyng the Kyngs grace. I pray God hartely save his grace, and all his graces moost honorable Counsell, and his graces well willars, Amen with all my hart. And all the vicars besynes was nothyng ellis but to compromyt a mater in varyaunce bytwene hym and oon Hewster of the Town of Oxford. This is a lyght mater for to defer the Kyngs graces . . . . . and a grete tokyn of small favor to his prynce, God save his grace. Upon this I did wryght to the Abbott of Osseney, that I thought the same vicar wold prove a errant traytor; and that I se well that relygiouse preests and secular prests be lynkked togither lyke a chayn of iron ageynst the Kyngs grace. I pray God save his grace, and all his graces moost honorable Cownsell, and all his graces well willars, Amen. And the Abbot of Oseney, ymmediatly after the receyt of thes my letters, went toward the Abbot of Ensham, and abowt Eynesham ffery there they met with the nombre of xxiij parsons of both parties, with swords and bucklers and other wepyns, and so made unlaufull assemble; and then and there the vayngloryouse Abbot of Eynesham callyd his seruants abowt hym and seid, How sey you, syrs? with obtractuouse words, and the vycar knoweth and can say yf he be a true man. And this the vycar and his seruant both reported to me the same Saterday at nyght, at my hoosts howse. And at the afternoon the same Saterday I sent for Master Carter of ffryswith, and he and I met in new park; and the furst thyng I did I cawsed Master Carter to send my seruant in his

name to the Mayr of Oxford, to and byd hym make hym redie to ryde in all the hast to the Kyngs grace most honorable Cownsell; and he send word he coulde not nor wold not ryde that nyght. Then seid I to Carter, I mervell at this. Then said Carter, By God, William Plommers doughtar shall be maryed to morow, and upon Monday I woll warrant you he shall go. Then seyd I to Carter, Mary this, we may tract the tyme to long in prejudice of our prynce. Than Carter sayd, No, I warrant you there shalbe no hurt for so long. And upon this I left the letters w^th^ Carter concernyng the vicaries cryme towards the Kyngs regall maiesty. I pray God hartely save his grace, and prayd Carter to send me a pece of brawn. And when he went out of the gate at new park corner, I bid the devill go with hym. And bi thes tokyns I sent the vycars servant to Carter for my letters, to the intent to send them up in more hasty spede to the Kyngs grace moost honorable Cownsell. And that same Saterday nyght I did wryght the same letters concernyng the abbotts, and did bere them to Seerlys the Sonday mornyng eerly, accordyng to my moost bounden duty; and at the vicarage callyd as hastyly as I could upon hym, and there I stode haulff an howr in a cold ffrosty mornyng, tyll that my teeth chattred in my heed, so that I am the worse for it yet, and shalbe while I do lyve, and that I delyvered my letters to hym and went my way. And then he came to my hosts, and wold have spokyn with me; and I was syck in my chambr', and seid to my hosts seru'nt that I wold speke no more with hym. And he seid all was false in the wrytyng, but I woll abyde beit *usque ad mortem*, that it is true; and then I sent the wrytyng to Master Mayer, &c. And that same day, at afternoon, M^r^. Mayr sent the Bayllis, constabulls, and sergeants, and dyverse other, as gent, which is in ffee by his own sayeng with the Abbot of Ensham, and Fallowfeld, whose doughter is maryed to oon Thom's Parkyns the abbott's s'vant, and he and oon Wappes knoweth mych of his secrets. And oon Nycholas Hore, at that same tyme, at thre of the clock at after noon, went to oon Edwarde Bullars howse and ther borowed a candell when it was brode daylyght, and serched the drawst and all the chambers on the back side, and all this while I was a slepe upon my bed yn my chamber; and when I wakyd, I hard a grete besynes in the house. I did ryse, and knockyd on the bowrds, and the servaunt of the howse cam upp to me, and the baillies, constabulls, and other cam upp after the mayd, and entred in to my chamber upon me. And Fallowfeld swore by the masse he wold have me to the Mayor, and so I went with them with force, to the grete hynderaunce of my helth; and when I cam ageynst the Mayers dore there stode oon Parret, receyvor of Mawdelyn College, and his

face flatt ageynst for to deface me, and how I behavyd my selff there let them testyfie. And that all this is true, and all that ever I have wryten to the Kyngs grace moost honorabull Cownsell I woll abide be yt *usque ad mortem*. By me John Parkyns with my own hand.

Revollvyng many dyverse and sundry thyngs in my mynde this nyght, after my furst slepe, amongest all other it is infused into my memory how that the Abbot of Eynesham sent for me, and I beyng within the precyncts of the monastery, and I cam to hym beyng at his gate entryng in to his orchard, and dyvers of his servants beyng with hym. And he comawnded his servants to go and drynck with the Abbot of Osneis serv'nts, and to make them good chere. And as I remember me it was in a fysh day. And the abbot seid to me, Come come Master Parkyns, you and I woll go talk. And so he walkyd abowt the mootes by the orchard, and than and there the abbot seyd to me, Syr, this it is, the Abbot of Osney hath sent his servant hyther with the Kyngs commission, that the Abbot of Osney and other shuld syt concernyng the leace of my waters to Thomas Fychar. Then I seid By the ffeyth of my bodye, my lord, they be your frynds in so doyng, and in gyvyng to y^r lordshipp so famylyar knowledge. Than the abbott seyd to me, What a devyll man, I am better than any of them, and I had rather they where hanggid than I wold come before them. Than I sayd, Alas good my lord, take not that it ways nott for you do disobey the Kyngs grace commyssion, God save his grace, than you do undo your selff, therefore for the passion of God, my lord, do not disobey the Kyngs grace com'ission. Than the abbot seyd, Well, I se well now thou art not my ffrynd, and in a grete ragyng anger went frome me toward the monastery. And I walkyd down toward the orchard, and abowt haulff an hour afterward the abbot send for me, and I went to him, he beyng under the ellme in the quadrant, and dyverse other with hym, and his servants standyng about hym, and amongest them the Abbot of Osneys servaunt did stond wepyng. And than the Abbott of Osneys servant did see me commyng he cam to me and shewed to me how the Kyngs grace commyssion was conveyed from him. Then I seid to him, In good ffayth thou art to blame, for thou knowyng me myghts have come to me with it, and for thy old masters sake, Mr. Walbeff, whose soull God pardon, and for the Abbott of Osneys sake, I wold have goon with the myselff and doon thy message to my lord of Ensham. And where the Kyngs grace commission becam God knoweth and not I.

Item, the same Abbot of Eynesham hath seyd many and dyverse tymes in as moch ragyng fastion, Nay, nay, I woll be content to here the Kyngs graces lawes, but I woll not do after them.

Item, the same Abbot of Eynesham asketh allowance in the Kyngs

graces exchekker for my patent, and I have nothyng of it; and it is very like that he disceyveth the Kyngs grace, God save his grace, in the value of the monastery concernyng the Kyngs tenths, &c. In my most harty wyse I beseche Almyghty God to preserve o^r^ most dred and benygne Souereigne Lord the Kyngs graces regall Magestie, and all his grace moost honorable cownsell, and all his grace well willars, Amen, with all my hart. Scribeled this present mornyng, by me John Parkyns, with my own hond, and I will abide by it that it is all true *usque ad mortem.* *Hannisters*, p. 206 b.

[1536.] *The Bochers of Oxford Incorporation.*

The charter engrossed upon three parchement skins under seale, of y^e^ Incorporation of y^e^ Bochers of Oxford. First their petition to y^e^ Judges of the assise, to oversee and examine their orders made by the master and wardens of y^e^ sayd craft of bochers, and approved by William Freure, Esquyer, Mayor of Oxford; William Flemminge, John Pye, William Banyster, Aldermen. Then foloweth the Judges approbation thereof, by Tho. Englefelde, knight, and Jo. Port, knight, Justyces of y^e^ Assise for Oxfordshire.

Then followe the orders, among which it is first ordeyned that their election day of their officers must be allways uppon Monday next after the feast of St. Luke y^e^ Evangelist. Another of their orders is, that no bocher shall serve or sell any flesh to any manciple, coke, or any othe newe comer to him to be retayled, tyll he have very knowledge y^t^ y^e^ sayde manciple, or coke, or any other person standeth clerely out of danger for fleshe w^th^ y^e^ person of whom the said manciple, coke, or other person is so indebted before, or else y^t^ it be openly and evidently understood that a full agreement and accorde is made for the contentation of all such debt or debts for fleshe w^th^ y^e^ person of whom y^e^ sayd manciple, coke, or other person or persons is so indebted before, except that they pay ready money for such flesh as they shall buy, upon payne of .... at every time, to be employed to the use aforesayde. Another order is that y^e^ M^r^. and wardens of the bochers shall have the serch of all fleshe that shalbe slayne or killed w^th^in y^e^ Towne and suburbs of Oxford, or franchises thereof, to be sold in grosse or by retayle, and if they finde any flesh not wholesome then to seaze uppon it as forefayted, and the party offending to be punished by y^e^ Mayor and y^e^ Justices for the time beinge. And yf any bocher bringinge fleshe to the Towne to be sold, shall also bringe the hyde or skin and tallow of the same flesh to be sold there, under payn of forfeyture. *Twyne*, iv. 292.

$1537/8$, Feb. 3. *Award of the Arbitrators in the Disputes between the Mayor, &c., of Oxford, and the Provosts and Fellows of Oriel College, concerning Saint Bartholomew's Hospital.*

This Indenture, made the third day of the moneth of February, in the twenty-seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the viijth, witnesseth, That where the Provost of the House of our Blessed Lady of Oxford, called Oriall College, in the University of Oxford, and the Scholars of the same house that now be, demand and claim, and their predecessors, Provost and Scholars of the same house, by long time passed, in the right and to the use of the Master and poor men of the Hospital of Saint Bartholomew, without the East Gate of the Town of Oxford, have demanded and claimed yearly, to have and perceive to them and to their successors for ever, of the Mayor of the said Town of Oxford, Aldermen, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of the same Town of Oxford, that now be, and before the making of these presents have been, $23^{li}$ $0^{s}$ $5^{d}$ in the feasts of Easter and Saint Michael the Archangel, by even portions, as parcel of the old yearly fee farm of the said Town of Oxford, by reason of divers old grants before the time of King Edward the Third, by letters patent of the noble progenitors of our said sovereign Lord the King that now is, made and confirmed unto the predecessors of the said Master and poor men of the said Hospital, and to their successors; that is to say, $19^{li}$ $15^{s}$ $5^{d}$ to the sustentation of the said poor men, and $65^{s}$ to their clothes, the which said Hospital, with houses, lands, meadows, woods, rents, rights, and all other things, to the said Hospital, in any manner wise belonging, the said King Edward the Third, by his letters patent, dated at York the 24th day of February, in the second year of his reign, gave and granted unto the predecessors of the said Provost and Scholars, to be had and holden to the same Provost and Scholars, and to their successors, of the said King Edward the Third, and of his heirs in free, pure, and perpetual alms, so that the same Provost and Scholars, and their successors, one Chaplain, to celebrate Divine Service every day in the Chapel of the same Hospital, in the manner used, and also sustentation for eight Brothers in the said Hospital being, and other Brothers as well whole as sick in the place of the said Brothers there then being, after their decease, by the same Provost and Scholars and their successors in the said Hospital, successively to be admitted according to a form of an ordinance, by Edward, late King of England, progenitor of the said King Edward the Third, and his Council thereupon made, be bound to find: that is to say, to every of the said Brothers of the same Hospital, then being and afterward

to be admitted, 9$^{d}$ by the week, and 5$^{s}$ by the year to their clothing, of the issues of the said Hospital, as in the said letters patent thereof made by the said King Edward the Third more plainly appeareth; the payment of which 23$^{li}$ 0$^{s}$ 5$^{d}$ the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said Town of Oxford that now be, and their predecessors, have for and by two years ended at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel last past, before the day of making of this present indenture, denied to pay and have not paid. And the said Provost and Scholars do say that for the same 23$^{li}$ 0$^{s}$ 5$^{d}$ and the right, title, and arrearage thereof, variance hath been had, and unto the 22$^{d}$ day of December last past was had, between the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said Town of Oxford on that one part, and the said Provost and Scholars on that other part; for the pacifying and determination of which variance, as well William Freurs, Esquire, now and in the said 22$^{d}$ day of December, Mayor of the said Town of Oxford, and the Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the same Town of Oxford by their writing obligatory, dated the said 22$^{d}$ day of December, and ensealed with their Common Seal, have bound themself to Thomas Ware, now Provost of the said house called Oriel College, and to the Scholars of the same house, in two hundred pounds; as also the same now Provost and Scholars of the same house by their writing obligatory, under their Common Seal, dated the said 22$^{d}$ day of December, have bound themself to the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said Town of Oxford, in the sum of cc$^{li}$ that they and their successors shall stand to and obey the award, arbitrement, ordinance, and judgment of John Hales and Thomas Walsh, Barons of the King's Exchequer, arbitrators indifferently elect and chosen, as well on the part of the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, as also on the part of the said Provost and Scholars, to arbitre, ordain, judge, and deme, as well of, for, and upon the right, title, interest, payment, and arrearage of the said 23$^{li}$ 0$^{s}$ 5$^{d}$, as also of and upon all actions, suits, quarrels, debates, and demands, had, made, or depending between the said parties, before the said 22$^{d}$ day of December, so that the said arbitrement, ordinance, and judgment, be made, sealed, and delivered in writing by the said arbitrators unto the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Audley, Knight, Lord Chancellor of England, on this side the 8$^{th}$ day of the present month of February; or if the said arbitrators cannot or do not arbitre in the said manner, then to stand to such order as the said Lord Chancellor shall take within eight days after Easter next coming, as in the said writings obligatories, and conditions of the same more plainly appeareth; the said John Hales and Thomas Walsh, arbitrators as aforesaid, elect

and chosen in the premises, having knowledge of the said writings obligatories, at the special instance and request of the said now Mayor and Provost, and by the same Mayor and Provost having the knowledge and sight of such letters patents, records, and other writings, as on the part of either of the said parties, concerning the said $23^{li}$ $0^{s}$ $5^{d}$, can be shewed, have in the day of making of this present indenture, with the advice and assent of the said Lord Chancellor, awarded and ordained in form following: that is to say, that the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and their successors, shall yearly from henceforth pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Provost and Scholars, and to their successors, to the said uses and intents in the said letters patents of the said late King Edward III. as is before expressed, $19^{li}$ of lawful money of England at the said feasts of Easter and St. Michael the Archangel, or within eight days next after either of the said feasts, by even portions; the first payment thereof to begin in the said feast of Easter next coming, after the day of making of this present indenture; and also the same John Hales and Thomas Walsh have awarded, that the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Provost and Scholars, in the third day of the month of July next coming after the date of these presents, $20^{li}$ in full recompense and satisfaction of all arrearage of the said $23^{li}$ $0^{s}$ $5^{d}$ before the said $22^{d}$ day of December. And the said John Hales and Thomas Walsh have awarded and ordained, that if the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, Commonalty, and their successors, well and truly from henceforth pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Provost and Scholars, and to their successors, yearly, and in the said feasts of Easter and St. Michael the Archangel, or within eight days next after every of the said feasts, $19^{li}$ of lawful money of England, that then the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, Commonalty, and their successors, shall be yearly from henceforth thereby acquitted and discharged against the said Provost and Scholars of the sum of $4^{li}$ $0^{s}$ $5^{d}$ residue of the said $23^{li}$ $0^{s}$ $5^{d}$: and the said John Hales and Thomas Walsh have also awarded, that the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, for the said sum of $20^{li}$ by them as is above said to the said Provost and Scholars in the said third day of the month of July to be paid, shall be acquitted and discharged of all arrearages of the said $23^{li}$ $0^{s}$ $5^{d}$ before the said $22^{d}$ day of December. And the said Provost and Scholars, for them and their successors, at the instance of the said arbitrators, and for the good and quiet amity and friendship between them and their successors, on the part of the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, and their successors, from henceforth to be had and continued, agree and grant, that when

at any time after the making of this award, it shall happen any of the said eight poor men for the time being to die, so that the place of the full number of the said eight poor men shall be void, that then the said Provost and Scholars, or their successors, at the request of the said Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, or their successors, by their writing under their seal, within sixteen days next after the decease of any such poor man to be made, and to the said Provost and Scholars, or their successors, to be delivered, shall accept and admit unto the same place or room such one that then and by three years before the making of the same writing, shall be free of the liberty of the said Town of Oxford, before any other poor man not being free of the liberty of the said Town of Oxford; provided, that if the said writing as is aforesaid be not made and delivered to the said Provost and Scholars, or to their successors, within sixteen days next after the decease of any of the said eight poor men, that then the said Provost and Scholars, and their successors, to be at their liberty to take and admit such one poor man as they shall deem best, this present agreement notwithstanding. In witness of all which premises the said John Hales and Thomas Walsh to either part of this their present indenture of award their seals have set. Dated the said third day of February, in the said 27th year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lord King Henry the viijth.

(*Signed*) By me JOHN HALES. L. S.
By me THOMAS WALSH. L. S.

(*Counter-signed*) THOMAS AUDLEY, Mils. Canc.

Irrotulatum in memorand. Scaccarii videlicet inter Commissiones Literas Patent. et scripta recognita de termino Sancti Hilarii, Anno vicesimo septimo Regis Henrici Octavi, Rotulo primo ex parte Reverend. Regis.

1537, April 6. *For Fees of Burgesses of Parliament.*

Md at a Counsell holden the vj day of Aprell, the xxviijth yere of Kyng Henry the viijth, It ys condissented by the hole Counsell that where William Flemyng, Alderman of the Towne of Oxford, brought to William Freers, Mayre of the Towne of Oxford, David Pratt and Nicholas Hore, Bayllyffs of the same Towne, for the payment of lvjli xs for the costs and exspences of the same William.

And at the sayd Counsell it ys condyssented by the hole parte of the sayd Counsell that the sayd William Flemyng dyd promyse to doe as other dyd, and soe William Freers and John Pye at the eleccion day holden in the Guylde halle of the sayd Towne the day of (*blank*), in the xxj yere of Kyng Henry the viijth, dyd promyse to geve ther costs and exspences. A. 12.

1537, Aug. 28. *Lease to William Thomas, of Oxford, plommer.*

[Indenture of lease between William Freurs, Essquyer, Mayor of Oxford; William Flemyng, John Pye, William Banyster, and John Barrey, Aldermen of the same town; Davyd Pratt, and Nicholas Hore, Bayllyffs; John Howell and Stephen Batman, Chamberly'ns; and the Comon Counsell of the forsayd Town of Oxford, of the one parte; and William Thomas, of Oxford, plommer, of the other part, being a lease of ij cottages on the north syde of the Castell mylls, together with a parcell of voyd ground on the north west side of the two cottages, and also another voyd grounde lying in Newemarkett, aboutteth upon the garden ground held by the said William Thomas in lease from the Town upon the north, and upon the high waye leding from the west gate to the Graye Fryers on the south, for 60 years, at a yearly rent of 4s 6d.] *City Records.*

1537, Sept. 1. *Order for the above Lease of Cottages to William Thomas.*

[William Thomas, plomer, to have the 2 cottages lying next the Castell mylls, late Richard Hunters, and a voyde grounde lying on the northe, for lx yeres.] A. 12 b.

1537, Sept. 28. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.*

[Master William Huske, LL.B., presented by the Abbot and Convent of Oseney to the church of St. Mary Magdalen, on the resignation of William Tresham.] *Linc. Reg.*

1536—37. *Hanasters in the time of William Freurs, Mayor; John Howell and Stephen Batman, Chamberlains. From Michaelmas, 28 Hen. VIII., to the same feast, 29 Hen. VIII.*

Peter Hewys.
Richard Laud.
John Hoberden.
John Spynke.
John Thaccam.
Richard Lenard, barbor.
William Alderige, roffe leyer.
Richard Jonson, sadler.
William Jobson, corrier.
Henry Crampe.
Richard Willyams.
John Bagwell.
Henry Crampe.
John Aungell.
. . . . Iryshe, haberdassher.
Thomas Nedyll.
John Barton, bochar.
William Tylcoke, baker.
Nicholas . . . . , chapman.
William Barre, barbor.
John Wellys.
Thomas Underhyll.

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1537, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Banyster.

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Bame, John Beke. | *Chamberlains*, { John Payne, John Juche.

*Common Council*, John Westbourne.

*Alderman*, John Barray *loco* Michael Heth.

A. 70.

1537, Oct. 19. *Ordinance concerning Robert Jamys.*

It ys condyssented by the more parte of the Counsell that Robt. Jamys shalbe free of the Towne and agree wt the occupacion of brewers, and shall bere almaner of skotte and lotte, and as a nother freman dothe and shalbe dyschargyd of beryng of all manner of offices of thys Towne, and shall not be callyd to noe Courts nor Counsells, and for the same shall pay to Towne Coffers iiijli and xxjs jd for hys fredome, and uppon the same, he to have the Towne seale therof, paying for the sealyng and wrytting of the same.

A. 12 b.

1537, Oct. 24. *Bond for securing the delivery of a Charter.*

[Bond in 100 marks given by Stephyn Batman, William Perry, and Thomas Ellingham, to secure the delivery to the Mayor, &c. of a charter of King Henry vij.] A. 13.

1537, Oct. 25. *Thomas Byrde made free.*

[Thomas Byrde to be free of the Towne paying iiijli and xxjs jd, and to have the Towne seale.] A. 13.

1538, June 16. *Mr. Jamys tobere no offyce.*

Md at a Counsell holden the xvj day of June, xxxth yere of the reigne Kyng Henry the viijth, it ys condyssented by the hole Counsell that Robt. Jamys shall not be elected to bere no maner of office wtin the Towne from the date herof, by the space of iij yerys next ensuyng. A. 13.

1538, Sept. 20. *A Baker not eligible to bee Maior unless hee leave of the trade.*

At a Counsell holden the xx day of September, in the xxxth yere of the reigne of King Henry the viijth, it is condyssented, establyshed, and enacted for ever by the hole assent and consent of the Mayre, Aldermen, Bayllyffs, Burgeses, and Comminaltye of the Towne of Oxford, that from this day forwarde ther shall noe Alderman thought he be elected and chossyn to the office of a Alderman, or that he be admytted to the rome of a Alderman, shall not be sworne to the

same office nor were his cloke vntyll suche tyme as he be bounden to the Mayre, Bayllyffs, Bourgeses, and Comminaltye of the same Towne, and to ther successors in a obligacion of c^li^ w^t^ ij sufficient surties w^th^ hym, to be p^d^ to thusse of the same Towne under the condicion foloing, that ys to saye, that he shall not usse ij occupacions of vyttelyng crafts, that ys to say a baker and a brewer, a bocher and a brewer, a brewer a inholder, a brewer and a fyshemonger, nither baker and fyshemonger, nor noe other dobyll vyttelyng craftes, but to leve one of the same vyttelyng crafts, uppon payne of forfayture of the sayd c^li^ to thusse aforesayd. And further it is enacted that from this day forward that ther shall never noe baker herafter be chossen to the office of the mayraltye of this Towne excepte he leve the occupacion, crafte, or mystery of bakers for the tyme that he shalbe Mayre. And he to be bounde in a obligacion of c^li^ w^t^ ij sufficient surtyes w^t^ hym to the Baylliffes, Burges, and Comminaltye of the Towne of Oxford, and to ther successors. A. 14 b.

1537-8. *Hanasters in the time of William Banyster, Mayor; John Payne and John Juche, Chamberlains, from Mich.* 29 *to Mich.* 30 *Hen. VIII.*

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| Humphrey Gryffythe, glover. | Nicholas Sterisair, carpentor. |
| Andrew Burnet. | John Bilney, joyner. |
| Ralph Salmon. | Henry Bolton, joyner. |
| Thomas Byrde. | John Corbytte, coke. |
| Adam Thorneton, tayllor. | Robert Jamys. |
| Robert Hamond, carpenter. | .... Cruse, payntor. |
| Thomas Rowlande, sen. | Robert Wotmaster, berebrewer. |
| Abell Smythe, bochar. | Roger Combe, inholder. |
| Edward Hunt, baker. | John Wayte, paynter. |
| William Markeham. | Richard Gylden. |
| Robert Smythe, glover. | Edward Page. |
| Nicholas Gybbard, hossyer. | p. 205 b. |

1538, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Banastar.

*Bailiffs*, { William Thomas, James Edmondys. | *Chamberlains*, { Ralph Flaxeney, John Collyns.

*Councillors*, [35]

1538, Sept. 30. *Prizus of Victuals sett downe by the Mair.*

At a Counsell holden in the Gylde hall the last day of September, A^no^ predicto, it is condyssented and agreed by the assent of the hole comminaltie of the same Towne, that William Fallofelde and John

[35] Not entered; see next year.

Brigeman shall exersice and be assistent w^t M^r. Mayre, for thys yere next ensuyng, for setting the price of all maner of vyttells to be solde w^tin the Towne and suburbys of the same. And moreover it is enacted that no Alderman herafter shalbe chossyn that dwellythe owtte of the Towne and lybertye, but he shall inhabyte w^tin the lybertye of the Towne w^n one yere. And that also that John Barry, nowe Alderman, shall come and inhabyte w^tin the Towne betwen the date herof and the feste of Saynt Michaell tharchaungell next ensuing. A. 14 b.

1538, Nov. 2. *Presentation to the Church of St. Aldate.*

[Master Philip Propert, LL.B., presented to the church of Saint Aldate by Thomas Carter, Esq^r., by reason of a grant from the Prior of Saint Frideswide, Oxon, to Sir William Rede, K^t., Thomas Ridley, M.A., and Robert Egerly, on the resignation of Master William Marble, saving a pension of 40^s annually.] *Linc. Reg.*

1538, Nov. 10. *Lease from Oseney of the property bequeathed by John Howell to the Trinity men.*

[Robert King, Abbott of Oseney and the convent, &c., ded demise unto John Howell, by indenture dated y^e 10^th of November, A^o 30 H. viij, the said tenemente by the name of their corner tenement, now a brue house, w^thin the parish of St. George, upon the water side by y^e Castell of Oxford, w^th certen gardens plotts therto adjoyninge, and a porcon of ground or garden plott under the Castle walles and abuttinge upon the Castle mills. And also Warhams water and a pece of ground between the house of the said Howell on the north, and the highway leding from the North gate to Osney; and also fyve acres of meadowe w^th the tithe therof, wherof iiij acres are called Eggecombe and the v^th called Cosynorelyng, nere and behind Oseney, and a close at Walton and the tithe thereof. To have and to hold, &c., from Mich. before the date for xxiiij yeres, yelding for the closse xx^s, and y^e resid' xl^s.] *Bodl. MSS.*

[1538-9.] *Leland's account of Oxford and Oseney Abbey.*

From Haseley to Oxford about a 7 miles. Robertus de Oilleio that cam into England with Wylliam Conqueror, had given hym the Baronyes of Oxford and Sainct Waleries. This Robert made the Castelle of Oxford, and as I conject other made the waulles of Oxford or repairid them. This Robert made the chapelle of S. George in the Castelle of Oxford, and founded a college of Prebendaries

there. This Robert dyid withowt issue, and wher he was buried it is not very certeinly knowen. This Robert had one John de Einerio that was exceeding familiar with hym, and had beene in the warres as sworen brother onto hym, and had promised to be partaker of Roberts fortune. Wherapon he enriched hym with possessions, and as sum think gave hym S. Waleries. Robert Oilley had a brother callid Nigellus, of whom be no verye famose thinges written. Nigellus had a sunne caullid Robert, that provid a very noble man. This Robert the 2. had a wife caullid Edith Forne, a woman of fame and highly estemid with King Henry [the First], by whose procuration Robert weddid her. This Robert began the Priorie of Blake Chanons at Oseney by Oxford, emong the isles that Isis river ther makith. Sum write that this was the occasion of making of it. Edith usid to walk out Oxford Castelle with her gentilwoman to solace, and that often tymes wher yn a certen place in a tre as often as she came a certen pies usid to gether to it, and ther to chattre, and as it wer to speke onto her, Edith much marveling at this matier, and was sumtyme sore ferid as by a wonder. Wherapon she sent for one Radulph, a chanon of S. Frediswides, a man of a vertuus life and her confessor, askyng hym counsel, to whom he answerid after that he had seene the fascion of the pies chattering only at her cumming, that she should builde sum chirch or monasterie in that place. Then she entreated her husband to build a priorie, and so he did, making Radulf the first prior of it.

The cumming of Edith to Oseney and Radulph waiting on her, and the tre with the chattering pies, be painted in the waulle of tharch over Edith tumbe in Oseney Priorie. There lyith an image of Edithe, of stone, in thabbite of a wowes, holding an hart in her right hond, on the north side of the high altare.

Robert Oilley the 2, founder of Oseney Priorie, was buried in thabbay of Eignesham, a 3 miles from Oxford.

Robert Oilley the 2. had faire issue by Edith his wife, emong the which Henry was his heire.

This Henry lyith buried yn Oseney chirch, in the veri midle of the presbyteri, under a flatte marble stone, wherapon is a flourid crossid porturid. This Henry had Henry the 2, and from Henry the 2. were other discentes; but in processe the landes of the Oilleys were disparkelid. Ther is at this time one of the Oilleis, a man of a 140$^{li}$ land, dwelling . . . . . This Oilley hath to wife my Ladie Williams doughter, of Ricote. He is now communely caullid Doilley of this title, de Oilleio.

Ela Countes of Warwik, a woman of a very great riches and nobilitie, lyith buried at the hedde of the tumbe of Henry Oilley,

undre a very fair flat marble, in the habite of a woues, graven yn a coper plate. Ela gave many rich jewelles to Oseney, but no landes. Ela gave sum landes to Royle Abbay by Oseney. Ela gave riche giftes to thabbay of Reading.

On the north side of the presbyteri of Oseney Chirch is buried undre an arche, John Saincte John, a famose man, in an high and large tumbe of marble.

S. John's wife lyith under a flat marble, by her husbandes tumbe.

Beaufort, a Knight, lyith in the quier, at the hed of Countes Ela.

This Bewfort and an Abbat of Oseney buildid the body of the chirch now standing at Oseney, and ther be porturid their images in the volt of it.

There be very faire doble isles on eche side of the body of the chirch.

There is buried at Oseney yn our Lady chapelle a noble man of the Placetes, in a fair tumbe, with an image one Thomas Kidlington, borne at Kidlington in Oxfordshire, Abbate of Oseney, buildid many yers sins the chapelle of our Lady, on the north side of the presbyterie of Oseney Chirch.

There were in the beginning certen Priors of Oseney, and then the rulers of the house were made Abbates, at the which tyme the landes of Oseney were augmented, and partely given, with a certen peculiar jurisdiction spiritual yn Glocestreshir.

One Mr. James Bayilie, of Oxford, hath a peace of a booke of the acts of the Abbates of Oseney. *Leland's MS.*, vol. ii. f. 17.

15$\frac{38}{39}$, Jan. 21. *Presentation to the Church of St. Martin.*

[Sir George Bynk, clerk, presented by the King to the church of St. Martin, on the resignation of the last incumbent.] *Linc. Reg.*

15$\frac{38}{39}$, Jan. 27. *Ordinance concerning out-of-town Burgesses.*

At a Counsell holden the xxvij$^{th}$ day of January, the xxx yere of the reigne of King Henry the viij$^{th}$, it is enacted by the hole Counsell, that every bourges dwelling owtte of the lybertye of the Towne of Oxford shall paye quarterly x$^{s}$ to the usse of the Towne, until suche tyme as they come w$^{t}$ ther wyffe, goods, and famyle to inhabyt the Towne, and that the same mony to be receyved by thands of the Chamberlyns.—[*Erased after it was written.*] A. 15.

15$\frac{38}{39}$, Feb. 20. *William Pawe made Free.*

[William Pawe to be free of the Towne, and dischargyd of bering all maner of offices, paying xxj$^{s}$ j$^{d}$ for his freedom, and iiij$^{li}$ for his discharge.] A. 15 b.

1539, April 8. *Lease of Land in the Parish of St. Peter-le-Bailley.*

[Indenture made the 8 day of Aprill, 30 year of Henry VIII., between William Banaster, Maire of the Towne of Oxford; William Fleminge, William Fruers, John Pye, and John Barry, Aldermen; William Thomas and James Edmonds, Bayliffs; Raphe Flexney and John Collins, Chamberlyns; and the Common Counsell, of the one part; and Edmond Irish, of the same Town, and Margaret his wife, of that other partie; being a lease of their voyd ground in the parish of St. Peter in the Baylye for 60 years, at an annual rent of 3s 4d.] *Vellum Book*, i. 442.

1539, May 20. *Convention between Magdalen College and the City concerning Subsidies.*

In a roll of taxations in the Town Office [now lost].

Indenture made the 20th of May, Ao Hen. viij. 31, betweene Mr. Owen Oglethorpe, dr of divinity, and president of Magdalen College, and the fellows thereof, and William Bannister, Mayor, and the Cominaltye of Oxon, namely, that at any payment of fifteenes to be granted hereafter by act of parliament, ye college shall procure a write of allowance of 10li, to be directed to the Lord Treasurer and Barons of ye Exchequer for all their goods and cattells wtin ye sayde college, Holywell, St. Peters in ye Bayly, or elsewhere in Oxford, to be allowed to ye Mayor and Cominaltye of Oxon in ye payment of their fifteenth; for which consideration the sayd Mayor and Cominaltye shall allowe the colledge *toties quoties* 3li sterlinge, &c.; to ye performance of which covenant each party standeth bound to ye other in the summe of 20 marks sterlinge. *Twyne*, xxiii. 465.

1539, July 19. *Presentation to the Chantry of the Holy Trinity, All Saints.*

[Roger Bromhall, M.A., presented by the bishop of Lincoln to the Chantry of the Holy Trinity in the church of All Saints, on the death of Henry White.] *Linc. Reg.*

1539, Aug. 16. *Lease of St. Mildred Hall.*

In an old booke of Mr. Fryars leases of Oxford, nowe in ye handes of Mr. Tim. Carter, who bought Sr Edw. Fryars house in Oxon.:—

Robert Kinge, abbat and commendatary of Osney, bishop of Reonensis, upon the 16 of August, Ao 31 Hen. viij, demised unto William Freure, esquyre, and Alderman of Oxon, all their voyde ground

in All Saints parish, sometyme called Mildredehall[36], abuttinge y^e face eastward, and lieth betweene a voyde ground of Lync. Coll. on y^e north, and a tenement of y^e parish of All Saints southward, and the University Coll. lande west, &c., for the yerely rent of 4^s.

*Twyne*, xxiii. 181.

1538-9. *Hanasters in the time of Will^m Banyster, Mayor; Ralph Flaxeney and John Collyns, Chamberlains.* 30 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Mich.*, 31 *Hen. VIII.*]

Robert Kyrs, barbor.
Thomas Ordeway.
Thomas Wetherall.
Gryffythe Davys, fflechar.
. . . . Brysse, ffellemonger.
Robert Clerke, tayllor.
Morris Vaughan, browne baker.
Robert Overton, mercer.
Nicholas Bylney.
Robert Frewen.
John Lewsse, baker.
Nicholas Fulloe, flecher.
William Glossoppe, *al's* Hether.
Richard Singleton.
Richard Ivere, chandeler.
Thomas Pyrren, hossyer.
Thomas Darby, surgen.
Robert Dolly, of Oxon, paynter.
Thomas Hunt, tayllor.
William Herst, tayllor.
Thomas Chapman.

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1539, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Barry.

*Bailiffs*, { Richard Atkynson, Edward Glympton. | *Chamberlains*, { Thomas Elmes, Rich^d Whittington.

*Mayor's Sergeant*, Richard Jonys.

*Council* (1538 *and* 1539).

Thomas Elmys, Thomas Nedyll, | Nicholas Hollewaye, John Bagwell, | John Redshawe, Roger Comby.

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1540, April 16. *Carta Johannis Austen.*

[John Austen of the city of London, releases to John Greene of Byttylawne, co. Warwick, and John Grene citizen and flecher of London, all his right in a messuage and garden in the parish of St. Ebbe's in the way called Penyfarthingstret between a messuage belonging to the chapel of St. Nicholas within the church of

[36] St. Mildred Hall was situated in Turl-street, nearly opposite to the gates of Lincoln College. It is mentioned in a rental of Oseney Abbey, 3 Edw. IV., "Tenementum Pompe, Aula Mildrithe, per magistrum Willielmum Summinster, 26^s 8^d, hoc anno xx^s." It was a house for students until the year 1505. In 17 Edw. IV., Richard Norcote and Edmund Gille, proctors of the church of All Saints, demise to farm to a certain Richard Frankish one garden in the said parish, between a tenement of Richard Frankish on the south, and a hall called Mildred Hall on the north. A note of Miles Windsor's. "Aula S. Mildridæ ubi modo est signum Virginis," shews that it must have stood on the site, or a little to the north, of the present Maidenhead Hotel, which was once occupied by Richard Frankish, and is still the property of All Saints Parish.

St. Mary, Oxon, to the east, and a messuage lately belonging to the Abbot and Convent of Oseney on the west, and one head abuts upon the said street to the north, and another head abuts upon a messuage called Beffe hall to the south. Dated 16th day of April, 31 Henry viij.]

Inrolled in the time of John Barry, Mayor. *Lib. Alb.* 176.

1540, May 7. *Inrolment of the Will of William Flemming, Alderman.*

At a court of our lord the King before John Barry, Mayor; ..... and Edward Glynton, Bailiffs; William Flemyng, Alderman of Oxford, and asked that his Will might be inrolled, in these words:

In the name of God soe be it, the last day of Apriell in the yere of the reigne of Henry the Eight by the grace of God of England and of Fraunce King; defendor of the faythe; lord of Irlande; and in yerthe next and imedyatly under God supreme hedd of the Churche of Englande the xxxijth: I William Flemyng of Oxford in the county of Oxford, Alderman, weke in body and in perfytt good memory and remembraunce, make and ordayn this my last Wyll and Testament as herafter insuyth furst and prynsipally I commyt my sowle unto Allmyghty God, in whosse infynyte mercy I trust and beleve of everlasting lyffe, wythe the holy company in hevyn, my body to bured in the parishe churche of Saynt Marten in Oxford aforeseyd, also I bequethe to the mother churche of Lyncolne iiijd, also to the hight alter in the seyd churche of Saynt Marten for tythes forgotton xijd. Also I geve and bequethe to the churche wardens of the seyd churche of Saynt Marten and the parishyners of the same for the tyme being and ther successors for ever, all that my tenement sette and being wtin the parishe of Saynt Marten aforeseyd, betwen the weste ende of the same churche, and a tenement pertaynyng to the Warden and Felloys of the College called Allsolls College yn Oxford, also on garden grounde sett and lying in the parishe of Saynt Peters in the Bayly in Oxford aforeseyd, betwen a tenement of John Joyners on the este partye, and a grounde belongyng to the Master and Fellowes of the College called Bayly College in Oxford on the west partye, and the southe ende abbuttythe appon the Kyngs strett leding from the Corfax to the Castell, also oon other tenement wythe a garden grounde therto adjoynyng, sett, lying and being in the parishe of Seynt Tabbe in Oxford aforeseyd, between a tenement belonging to the Warden and Fellowes of Allsolls College aforeseyd oon the southe partye, and a tenement belongyng to the parishyners of the parishe of Allhallowes in Oxford aforeseyd on the northe partye, wythe all

and singuler the appurten'nces, commodytes, and profytts to the premysses, and every parcell of the same appertayning. To and for this intent and uppon this condysion ensuyng, That is to wytte that the seyd churche wardens and parisheners for the tyme being and other successors for ever, yerly ons in the yere at suche tyme as I shall departe and chaunge my lyffe naturall, shall doe and cause to be done oon deryge on the eve and masse in the morowe to be song in the seyd churche of Saynt Marten wythe the parsone or curate of the parishe, and iiij other prestis, and the clarke of the same churche, and ij other clarks, and the seyd parson or curat and the other prestes to have every of them vj$^{d}$, and the clarke of the same churche to have iiij$^{d}$, and the other clarks every of them to have iij$^{d}$. Also I wyll yf it shall plese the Mayre, Aldermen, Recorder, Bayllyffs, and Chamberlyns for the yere, the Towne Clarke, and the Mayres Sergeaunt for the tyme being, and ther successors to come to the seyd masse and offer a peny a pece, then they and every of them to have delyvered by the hands of the churche wardens of the seyd parishe of Seynt Marten at that present tyme these sommes of mony as herafter ensuythe, that is to wytte the Mayre viij$^{d}$, every Alderman vj$^{d}$, the Recorder vj$^{d}$, the Bayliffs for the yere iiij$^{d}$ apece, the Chamberleyns for the yere iij$^{d}$, the Towne Clarke and the Mayres Sergeaunt iij$^{d}$ apece, and the iij other sergaunts ij$^{d}$ apece, also the belman for his labor. Also I wyll that the curate that celebrates and sing the masse imedyatly after the offering done, shall pay and desyre other that shall then be present to pray for the sowles of William Flemyng and Joan his wyffe, and all crysten sowlls. Also I wyll that the churchwardens of the same churche imedyatly after masse doone, shall dystribute and geve unto pore people of the same parishe of Saynt Marten at home at ther howsys the som of ij$^{s}$, and also the soumes of all suche the Mayre, Aldermen, and other persons above namly expressed, which at the masse shalbe absent. Also I geve and bequethe imedyatly after the decesse of Joane my wyffe unto the seyd churche wardens and ther successors for ther paynes and labors in that behalfe xx$^{d}$ apece. The resydue of all the revenues and proffytts of the premysses allmaner of charges necessary deducted and alowed. I wyll they be bestowed at the dyscrecion of the seyd paryssheners uppon the seyd churche and ornaments appertaynyng and nedfull, of and for and to the same, and yf defalte shall at any tyme herafter happen to be in the seyd churchwardens and parisheners or ther successors, soe that the deryge masse and other the premysses above specefyed be nott performed and kepte according to the tenure and intent of this my last Wyll and Testament. Then I geve and be-

quethe the seyd tenements and other the premysses wythe ther appurtenaunces unto the Mayor, Alderman, Burgesses, and Comynaltye of the seyd Towne of Oxford for the tyme being, and ther successors for ever, toe and for this intent and uppon this condicion insuyng, that is to wytte that the seyd Mayre, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Comynaltie for the tyme being, and ther successors, shall cause derige masse offerings, and other the premysses above specefyed to be kepte and fulfylled accordinge to the tenure, intent and effecte of this my last wyll above mencyoned. And then I wyll that the revenues and profytts of the premysses, all charges necessary deducted and alowed shall remayne and come to the profytt and behoffe of the chamber of the seyd Towne, the seyd bequest or gyfte to the churchwardens and paryshenors of the seyd churche of Seynt Marten notwythstonding, &c. *Lib. Alb.* 177 b.

[1540], Oct. 3, 31 Hen. VIII. *Certain appointed to Ride to London.*

M^d^ that M^r^. Mayre, Mr. Freurs, M^r^. Pye, M^r^. Bayly, M^r^. Fallofeld, and M^r^. Elmys, be elected to ryde to the Kyngs grace and to my lord of Suffolk for the Townys besynes. A. 72 b.

1540, June 1. *A Certificate to be made to the Exchequer of the Appointment of Bailiffs.*

M^d^ at a Counsell holden the fyrst day of June, An^o^ xxxij Henrici viij, it ys condyssented by the more parte of the Counsell of the same Towne, that a certyficate shulde be made unto the Tresourer of the Kyngs Escher at the barons of the same, that Richard Atkynson and Edward Glynton were leffally chossen and elected Bayllyffs of the Towne of Oxford, to occupy the sayd office of Baylyffes from the feste of Saynt Michell, An^o^ xxxj^mo^, unto the seyd ffeste of Saynt Michell tharchangell, A^n^ xxxij^do^, that ys to say, by the space of one hole yere. A. 73.

1540, Sept. 6. *A conclucion taken wythe M^rs^. Banaster.*

M^d^ at a Counsell holden the vj^th^ day of September, in the xxxij^th^ yere of the reigne of King Henry the viij^th^, wytnessythe that M^r^. Mayre and the Counsell hathe agreed w^t^ Amy Banyster, late the wyffe of William Banyster, late Mayre of the Towne of Oxford[37], for the hole accompts for hys ij yeres mayreraltye, all things clerly counted, acquyted, and dyscharged; the seyd Amy byndethe herselfe to paye x^li^, wherof she hathe payd in hande c^s^, and the other c^s^ to be p^d^ at Ester next commyng. A. 15 b.

[37] In an account of the churchwardens of St. Mary Magdalen parish, 32 Hen. viij., "Recd for the buriall of Mr. Will. Banister, late Maior, 6^s^ 8^d^."

1539-40. *Hanasters in the time of John Barry, Mayor; Thomas Elmes and Richard Whittington, Chamberlains.* 31 *Hen. VIII. ending Mich.*, 32 *Hen. VIII.*]

Thomas Buttery, of Oxon, baker.
John Davys, tayllor.
Nicholas Olyver, coke.
Richard Langforde.
John Bylney.
Roger Reynolds, tynker.
Thomas Mondy, bochar.
Augustus Wilmon, bochar.
William Bybe, sklatter.
Justinian Blakeamore.
Thomas Wotton, carpentor.
Jeffery Waughhan, yoman.
Walter Cuddesdon, sklattar.
Edward Palmer, cordyner.
William Synderlande, wever.
John Payne, bellehanger.
Thomas a Medley, fullar.
William Coke, wever.

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1540, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Barry.

*Bailiffs*, { William Pery, Richard Cotton. | *Chamberlains*, { John Waukelyn, William Frewen.

*Coroners*, { William Freurs, Richard Gunter.

*Aldermen*, { Richard Gunter, *loco* William Flemming. Edmund Iryshe, *loco* William Banaster.

A. 73 b.

1540, Nov. 5. *Presentation to St. Clement's Church.*

[Master John Powell, LL.B., presented by the bp. to the church of St. Clement's, vacant by the death of the last incumbent.]

*Linc. Reg.*

1540/41, Jan. 11. *Letter from the Privy Councell to the City.*

Letters wer written to the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Commons of the Towne of Oxford, to send up at the next terme a personage authorised by writting, under their Towne seale, to here what order shalbe taken by the Lord Chauncelor, Lord Privey Seale, and other of the Kings Counsaill, for the matyers of controversye betwene them and thuniversyty. *P. C. Registers*, i. 109.

1540/41, Jan. 17. *Ordinance concerning Richard Atkinson.*

At a Counsell holden the xvij day of January, in the xxxij^th^ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij, at the same Counsell it is condyssented by the hole Counsell, that the Towne of Oxford shall bere Richard Atkynson in all things as shall pertayne to a Baylyffe for

the honor of the Towne, and Richard Atkynson at the same Counsell promysithe to bere his parte of the ffeferme, and to goe to London wt Edward Glynton to make the accompts for the office of the Baylyffe, at the feste [of] Purificacion next ensuing, and ther to stonde to his accompts and ther to dyscharge the Towne.

A. 15 b.

1540, Feb. 12. *Appointment of City Arbitrators in the Disputes between the City and University.*

Be it knowen by this present writting that where dyvers variancis, debatis, and controversis have bene had, moved, and yet be depending betwene the Mayre, Aldermen, Bayllyffys, Bourgeses, and Comynaltye of the Towne of Oxford, of the one partye, and the Chaunceler and Scolers of the Unyversite there for the tyme being on the other party. For the appeasyng wherof, and for a fynall end and determynacyon to be had of all maner, matters, suttys, quarrellys, and debates before this tyme had or nowe being betwene the seyde partyes. The seyd Mayre, Aldermen, Baylyffs, Bourgeses, and Comynaltye have constituted, ordeyned, and assigned the right honorrable lorde Charles, duke of Suffolke, and lorde great maister of the Kingis grace his most honorrable household, John Barry, William Freurs, John Pye, Richard Gonter, William Thomas, Richard Atkynson, and Edward Glynton, to trete, comen, and conclude wythe the seyd Chaunceler and Scollers of, for, and concernyng all suche variauncis, matters, causes, and debates as have bene and yet be betwene the seyd partyes, in suche maner of wyse and forme as shalbe thought most necessary and convenyent. In wytnes wherof the seyd Mayre, Aldermen, Baylyffys, Bourgesys, and Comynaltie to this present wrytting have putto the comon seale of the same Towne. Dated at the Towne of Oxford aforeseyd the xij day of February, in the yere of the reigne of oure soveraigne lorde King Henry the Eight, by the grace of God King of England and of Fraunce, defendor of the ffaythe, lorde of Irlande, and in erthe supreme hed of the Churche of England the xxxijth.

*City Records.*

1540, March 16. *Letter from the Privy Councill to the Mayor and Bailiffs.*

A lettre was sent to the Mayer and Bailifs of Oxford, to send up furthwth to Newgate Thomas Crook and John Bere, prisoners in Bocardo, in Oxford aforesaid.

*P. C. Registers*, i. 157.

1541, May 12. *Presentation to the Church of St. Peter-le-Bailey.*

[Laurence Parker, clerk, presented by the dean and canons of Christ Church to the church of St. Peter-le-Bailey, on the death of the last incumbent.] *Linc. Reg.*

1541, June 15. *Presentation to the Church of St. Aldate's.*

[Thomas Hopkyns, clerk, presented by the King to the church of St. Aldate, on the resignation of William Roberts, clerk.] *Linc. Reg.*

1540-41. *Hanasters in the time of John Barry, Mayor; John Waukelyn and William Frewen, Chamberlains.* 32 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Mich.*, 33 *Hen. VIII.*]

John Stevyns, *alias* Stokys, baker.
Roger Townysende, carver.
William Harding, sklatter.
Henry Rigate, of Oxon, glover.
Robert Forest, sadler.
Nicholas Todde, pottycary.
Henry Rogerson, cowper.
Richard Swetnam, jun^r^.
Roger Raynolid, carpentor.
William Pers, carter.
Gilbert Locke, carpenter.
William Stanley, carpenter.
Edward Ivell, fyschemonger.
William Nyxson.
William Perne.
George Brokys, sklatter.
Thomas Fyrs, syngngman.
Robert Barnys, mercer.
Thomas Symson, roffe mason.
John Tayllor, brewer.
Roger Ravlyns, brewer.
Roger Hewet.

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1541, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Freurs.

*Bailiffs*, { Richard Hethe, Robert James.

*Chamberlains*, { Richard Daye, John Barton.

*Council.*
Henry Ordwaye,
Thomas Popingay,
Thomas Bayly,
Thomas Malyson,
Thomas Twaytts.

A. 74 b.

1541, Oct. 7. *Skavinger appointed by Com. Counsell.*

At a Counsell holden the vij^th^ day of October in the xxxiij^th^ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij^th^, it is condyssented by the hole Counsell that there shalbe a Comon Skavinger w^t^in the Towne, and to cary all sweppyng of mens howses, and the dyrte that commythe of the sweppyng of the strettes, and that every howseholder shall paye for the caridge of the same j^d^ a quarter; and that they that have horses to paye for there dong caryage as the skavynger and they can agree. A. 16.

1541, Nov. 20. *Punishment for speaking Seditious Words.*

Whare as the Mayor and Aldermen of Oxforth had written to the Counsell towching certayne seditiows words spoken by a Ihon Willison, taylo$^{r}$, saying he shold se er he died friers and monks uppe agayn, &c., and desired to know the plesur of the sayd Cownsell towching the ponishement of the sayde Willison. They determined that on the next markett day after the date off a letter (whyche was written) to the sayd Mayo$^{r}$ and his brethren towching the same, they sholde sitt him upon the pillory, there to stond from the begynning of the markett tyll the ende, wyth a paper upon his uppermost garments declaring his offense, and that don after on dais emprisonment and a good lesson tolde him by the officers to be sett at his libertye. *P. C. Registers*, i. 281.

1541, Nov. 22. *Grant of the Manors of Walton and Wolvercote.*

[The King for a sum of 1174$^{li}$ grants to George Owen, doctor of medicine, all his manors of Wolvercote and Walton, with their rights and appurtenances, formerly belonging to the late dissolved monastery of Godstow. Mention is made in the grant of the weyr usually called "le Kinges weyr," and of one messuage in "le over Towne" at Wolvercote, the whole of the house and scite of the late dissolved monastery of Rewley, with the whole of the messuage and arable lands in Oxford feild, and the meadow called Rewley lying in three distinct parts to the north west part of le stone cawsey, and all ditches on either side of the said causeway, which are the metes and bounds of the said meadow called "Rewley mede." Paying an annual rent of 6$^{li}$ 12$^{s}$ 9$^{d}$.] *Patent Rolls.*

1541, Dec. 12. *Members of Parliament elected.*

[By a return dated 26 Dec. 33 Hen. VIII. (so illegible that it cannot be read), William Freurs, then Mayor, returns the names of two burgesses to represent the city in Parliament.]

*Parliamentary Writs, Record Office.*

1541, Dec. 17. *Lease of St. Frideswide Fair from the Dean and Canons of Christ Church to Robert Smyth.*

[Indenture made 17 December, 33 Henry VIII., between Mr. John Olyver, D.C.L., and deane of the Kyngs College w$^{th}$in the Universite of Oxford, comonly callyd Kyng Henry theight his College, and the Canons of the same of the one partie, and Robert Smyth, one of the

sextens of the same College, of the other partie, Witnesseth that the said Dean and Canons have demysed unto the said Robert all that their grownde where the fayre of the said College called Fredeswydys ffayre w$^{th}$in the Town and Universitie of the said City of Oxford hath heretofore bene and now is accustomably usyd to be kept: also an howse there callyd the civile schole, w$^{th}$ all the howses, shoppys, stallys, stallagis, and standyngs now made and buyldyd or hereafter to be made and buyld for the said fayre, w$^{th}$all and syngular rents, customys, tollys, taxes, and talages, w$^{th}$ all other commodyties, profyttys, and advantages what so ever they be, or that shall herafter happen to fall in or at the tyme of the said ffayre: the Court of Pepowders there yerely to be holden and kept by the Stuard of the said College or his deputys by the space of viij dayes in the tyme of the said fayre, w$^{th}$ thadvantages and profytts of the same Court unto the saide Deane and Canons and to their successors excepted alwayes and reserved. To have and to hold the same for 40 years, at a yearly rent of £4.] *City Records.*

15$\frac{41}{42}$, Jan. 6. *Reparations to be made by the Chamberlains.*

M$^{d}$ at a Cowncell holden the vj$^{th}$ daye of Jannary, the xxxiij$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of our Sou'eigne lord Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$, yt ys enactyd that Raff Flaxney and William Kyrkman shall vew the reparacyons of thys Towne, and that they shall appoynt the Chamberlayns to do such reparacyons as nede shall requyer from tyme to tyme, and that the Mayar Serjaunts shall be redy wyth the Chamberlayns to make ther bookes, &c.

*Sessions Dinner.*

M$^{d}$ at the vj daye of January, the xxxiij yere aboveseid, yt ys also enacted that the quarters Sessyons shalbe holden at the ffeasts of the Epyfye of oure lord, the Thursday next then next folwyng, and the Thursday next after the feast of the Natyvyte of Seynt John Baptyst; and that the Chamberlayns shall lay owte and shalbe allowyd at every of the seid sessyons xx$^{s}$ for sucche chargys of a dyner for the Mayor, the Recorder, Aldermen, the Baylyffs for the yere, the Chamberlayns for the yere, and the Jury that shall be sworne at that daye, &c.

*For the Eleccyone Denner.*

Item, that the Eleccion of the Mayer and Baylyffs shall be from hensforthe uppon the Thursday next before the ffeast of Seynt Mathew, and that the Mayer shall not be allowyd above xxxiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

sterlyng, and that the Comons of the Towne shall have meate and drynke accordyng to the auncyent customs of the same Towne, at the orderyng of the Mayer.

*Fee for Freedom.*

Item, that every person made fre of the same Towne shall paye to the Towne onely xviij$^{s}$, and that the Chamberleyns for the tyme beyng shall have vj$^{d}$ apece of the same persons, &c.

*Garden without South Bridge.*

[Lease to be made of a garden grounde lying withowt Sowthbryge, late yn the tenure of Doctour Marche, to Raff Flaxney, for xxj yeres, paying iiij$^{s}$ yerely.]

*Fourreyn Burgesses taxed.*

Item, that every foreyn burgys occupyyng wythyn thys Towne shalbe rated wyth the other of the Towne for all maner chargys ther to be sessyd, &c., and that they shall all pay such somes of money uppon theym to be assesyde.

*The Guild Hall to be floored.*

Item, that the yeld hall shalbe flored before shroftyde next comyng, and that Mr. Frewen and Mr. Wawkelyn shall bere the charges therof uppon ther accompte, &c. A. 16.

1541/2, Jan. 15. *Grant of the scite of the White Friars, Oxford.*

[Grant from the King to Edmund Powell of Sandford, of the whole house and scite of the Carmelite Friars, commonly called "le white freers," with a tenement and garden adjacent, and a way called an "entre" (i.e. Friars Entry), and one close called le tymbre yarde, &c. Dated 15 January.] *Patent Rolls.*

1541/2, March 12. *Tax$^{n}$ to the way entring into Portmead.*

At a generall Councell holden the xij daye of Marche, the xxxiij yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viij, yt ys enacted that of the hole concent of the same Towne, that every ffreman shall paye toward the makeyng of the way that entrethe ynto the portmede iiij$^{d}$ on thyssyde the xviij daye of this present monethe. A. 16 b.

1542, April 18. *Ground leased to Christopher Mondy.*

[Crystofur Mondy shall have yn ferme a certen place of ground and wall at Northgate for xxj yeres.] A. 16 b.

1542, May 8. *4li yearly allowed to the Bailiffs out of Oriel, &c., towarde the fee farm rent.*

At a Councell holden the viijth daye of Maye, the xxxiiij yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viijth, yt ys anacted that the Baylyffs of the seid Towne for the tyme beyng shall have iiijli allowed unto theym toward the payment of the Kyngs fee ferm for ever, &c., whyche iiijli ys abated forthe of Oryell College, &c. A. 16 b.

1542, June 19. *A Taxe to Clense the Streets.*

At a Cowncell holden the xixth daye of June, the xxxiiijth yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viijth, yt ys enacted that yn every ward ij persons shalbe chosen to sesse and tax all the inhabytaunts wythyn the same, that ys to wyte, wythyn the northe est ward John Brygeman and Rychard Atkynson, and yn the sowthwest ward Thomas Lamb and Thomas Chapman, yn the northwest ward Thomas Mondy, Wylliam Shyngleton, yn sowth est ward Thomas Elmes, John Barton; and that they shall cause the same somes to be levyed and payde to suche persons as shall be hyred to cary awey such downghylls as be noysom to thys Towne, and the same to be caryed awaye on thys syde the ffeast of the Puryfycacion of oure Ladye. And that Wylliam Plomer and Wylliam Spencer shall se to the blokks and purprestours withyn the same Towne avoyded, and that no person nor persons shall sufur any blokks or other purpresturs to lye before ther doores yn the strete above vij dayes, uppon payne to fforfeyte the same to the use of the Towne. A. 16 b.

1542, July 30. *Grant to Edmund Irishe and Wife.*

[Thomas Yonge of London, gentleman, and Veniera his wife, grant to Edmund Irishe and Margaret his wife, one capital messuage called "le Kyngs hedde," and ten tenements, with 12¼ acres of meadow and 11 acres of arable land, in the village, suburbs, and fields of Oxford, which messuage called "le Kyngs hedde" is in Northgate way, in the parish of Saint Martin, between a tenement of St. Frysewyth College on the north and a tenement of New College on the south; and another tenement called "le Tavern howse," lying in the way and parish aforesaid, between a tenement of Oseney on the south and a tenement of New College on the north; and two tenements lying together in the way of Westgate, in the parish of St. Martin, between a tenement of John Pye on the west and a tenement of New College on the east; and another tenement in the way of West gate, in the parish of St. Peter-le-Bailey, between a tenement

of Richard Gunter on the west and a tenement of Oriel College on the east; and one tenement called le stone howse in Grampole, with the other lands and tenements in the suburbs of Oxford. To have and to hold the same to the said Edmund and Margaret for ever. Dated 30 July, 34 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 180 b.

1541-42. *Hanasters in the time of William Freurs, Mayor; Richard Daye and John Barton, Chamberlains.* 33 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Sept.* 28, 34 *Hen. VIII.*]

David Jenkynson.
Christopher Reed, bocher.
Robert Grygg', shomaker.
Lambert Osbaston, berebrewer.
William Kelyng.
Thomas Weston.
William Langam.
John Gorton.
John Shokesmythe.
James Shypson.
Geoffrey Fyllypp.
Thomas Mall.
Walter Gregory.
John Sarchaunt.
George Traunsom.
Thomas Comby.
Thomas Collynson.
John Phyllypps.
Richard Prestwodd.
George Leonard.
Hugh Wrongs, bocher.
Thomas Gryse.
Michael Hern.
Owen Draper, goldsmyth.
Nicholas Pekk, carpenter.

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1542, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Freurs.

*Bailiffs*, { Ralph Flaxney. William Frewen.

*Chamberlains*, { William Tylcocke, John Dobson.

*Council.*
Maurice Vaughan.
John Wynter.
Gerard Plowgh.

1542, Nov. 10. *The Clerk of St. Martin's Church to receive money of the Chamberlains.*

At a Cowncell holden the x^th^ day of November, the seid xxxiiij^th^ yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viij^th^, yt is agreed that Wylliam Langley, now clark of Seynt Martens paryshe, shall have yerely vj^s^ viij^d^, by thands of the Chamberlayns of the seid Towne, and that the Chamberlayns for the yere last past shall paye iij^s^ iiij^d^ dew at the ffeast of Seynt Mychell tharchaungell last past. A. 17.

*Thomas Malynson to have the office of Chamberlain upon conditions.*

At a Cowncell holden the same day, yt ys agreed that Thomas Malynson shall have and use the roome and place of a Chamberleyn wythyn this Towne as a compownder, for that the seid Thomas hathe

taken uppon hym and bound hym self yn an oblygacon of the som of x$^{li}$ sterlyng to thuse of the Towne to fynysshe all manner of reparacions belongyng to the new buyldyng at the northe yate of the same Towne, except the chymneys and workmanshypp of the same, and the seid Thomas shall be at charge of the caryege of all suche stuff as well nedefull to the makeyng of the said chymnes, as also of all other thyngs nedefull to all other reparations belongyng to the same, and that to be doone on thyssyde the feast of thannuncyacion of oure lady the vyrgyn next insaying the date herof, &c. And further yt ys agreed that the same Thomas shall have suffycyent glasse and iron to the ffynysshyng of the same by the vew and oversyght of certen persons hereafter to be appoynted, &c. A. 17.

1542, Nov. 30. *Bond given by the City to Aldermen Pye and Iryshe.*

M$^{d}$ that ys agreed at a Cowncell holden the xxx$^{th}$ day of November, the xxxiiij yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the Eight, that the personages yn the same Councell assembled knowleged theymselffs to owe unto Mr. John Pye and Edmond Iryshe, Aldermen of the same Towne, the som of x$^{li}$ sterlyng, to be payde unto the seid John Pye and Edmond Irysshe, ther executours and assigneys, at the feast of the puryfycacion of oure lady next comyng, uppon condycon that yf the same John Pye and Edmond Irysshe shall pay the som of x$^{li}$ at any tyme before the seid ffeast, for and yn the behalf of the seid Towne to my lord Chaunceller, or to any other person or persons, for any manner of cause or busynes concernyng the same Towne. A. 17.

1542, Dec. 20. *The Differences between the Citty and University referred to Arbitrament.*

M$^{d}$ that the xx$^{th}$ daye of December yn the xxxiiij yere and reigne of our Sovereigne lord Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$, yt ys agreed by the hoole comons of this Towne that the Mayer, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and Burgeses of this Towne shalbe bownde unto oure Souvereigne lord the Kyng yn the som' of M$^{li}$ to stond to suche ende yn contraversyes betwene the same Towne and the Unyversyte of the same now dependyng, as Sr Thomas Audeley, Knyght, Lord Walden, Lord Chaunceler of Inglond, Sir Charles, Duke of Suffolk, the lord Prevy Seale, the lord Cheff Judge of Inglond, M$^{r}$. Chaunceler of the tenthe, and M$^{r}$. Chaunceler of the Augmentacion of the revenues of the Kyngs hyghnes Crowne, shall be thowght most convenyent yn that behalf. A. 17.

1543, March 14. *Thomas Cogan.*

[Thomas Cogan admitted to the office of a Chamberlain.]

1543. *Form of Oath prescribed by the University to be taken by the Mayor and Burgesses.*

Ye shall sweare y^t ye shall keepe and cause to be kept y^e liberties and customs of this University, not beinge contrary to such liberties as you justly have in epceculie standinge also in force by y^e Kinges finall grants and orders made and taken for y^e quietnes and weale of this University and of this Towne also or City, so helpe you God and y^e holy contents of this booke. *Twyne.*

1543, May 13. *The Fairs of St. Frideswide and Austen Friars limited to eight days.*

Item, y^t ys agreed by the same Councell that the Baylyffs and Mayers servaunt shall geve warnyng and monysshyon by open proclamacion to all manner of persons beyng and resortyng vnto this Towne for that intent to occupy and sell any manner of wares wythyn and at two fayers, the oon called May fayer holden at a place late called Austen ffreurs, and the other named Fryswyd ffayer keupt wythyn the precyncte of the college now erected and called King Henry the viij^th hys college yn Oxford, that they nor any of theym do vse nor occupye the seid ffayers wyth any manner of wares vendeble above viij dayes, the same viij dayes to begyn at the seid Maye ffayer at the day of (*blank*), and at the other at the day of (*blank*), uppon payne to forfeyte all suche wares to oure sovereigne lord the Kyng towards the payment of the ffee ferme of this Towne, accordyng to the auncyent charters and graunts of the same graunted by the noble progenytours of our seid souvereigne lord, and confermed by his majestyes hyghnes.

A. 13 b.

1543, May 13. *Thomas Mallynson.*

[Thomas Mallynson to fynysshe two chymneys yn a new buyldyng above the buckcardo.] A. 13 b.

1543, May 22. *Decree of the Privy Councell in the matters of Difference between the University and City.*

This day apperid the Commissary and the Mayor off Oxforde before certeyne commissioners appoynted by the Kings highness

for the hiring and determination off certeyne matters of contention between them, the rest off the Cownsell being then present; and after long and mature debating off the mattar, forasmuch as itt appeared the Mayo^r to have ben a great sturrer off this garboyle, and to be a man that att sondry tymes hadde deluded wyth delayes the sayde commissioners, whereby the matter cowlde grow to none ende. It was ordered the Clarcke off the Cownsell sholde diligently peruse a certeyne charter off King Edward the Thirdds grant to the Universitie, and to form a decree according to the same, to the whiche the sayde Universite shalle be restored, untyll the sayd Mayor and the Towne shoulde disprove the same by the law. And in the meane season the sayde Mayor was bounde in recogn as here ensuith: Will'us Freurs de com. Oxon recogn. domino regi c^li solvend. eidem domino regi, &c.

The condition off this recognisance is such as if thabove bounden William do attende from tyme to tyme upon the Counsell, and do nott depart untyll suche tyme he shall be by them dismissed, that, &c., or els, &c. *P. C. Registers*, i. 503.

1543, May 25. *King Edward the Third's Charter to the University, confirmed by the Lords of the Privy Councell.*

A decre was presented by the Clarcke off the Cownsell, drawen according to a charter off Kinge Edward the Third, of certeyne graunts and liberties geven by him to the Universite; and forasmuche as the sayde decre being there examined by the lord Saynt John in the presence off the rest, appered in all poynts to agree wyth the contents off the sayd charter, itt was ordeyned the same sholde be sent unto the Town off Oxford, subscribed wyth the names off the commissioners, wyth a lettre from the hole Cownsell unto them for thinviolable observation off the same. *P. C. Registers*, i. 504.

[1543.] *The Universities Petition in Parliament for the Repealinge of K. H. 8 his great Charter obtayned by Cardinall Wolsey, 1° April, 18[38] Hen. VIII.*

Sheweth yo^r highnes and to the lords spirituall and temporall, and to the . . . . . assembled, the Chauncello^r and Scolers of the Universitie of Oxford, that wheyr . . . . . father in God Tho., lord Cardynall of England, obteyned of the Kings our soveryn lord certeyne letters pattents berynge daytt the fyrst day of Aprill, yn the xviij^th yere of hys most noble reyng, concerninge dyverse and sundry pryvyleges

[38] The date of the letters patent procured by Wolsey was 14 Hen. VIII.

and lybertyes, whereof many weyr before the seyd first day grauntyd to the seyd Chaunceller and Scollers and to theyr successors, and other dyverse articles weyr conteyned theryn w^ch^ were not convenyent to be graunted nor had. And yf they had byn putt yn full execution, woold of all lykelywhod have been to the great losse, oppressyon, enquyetacion, and dysturbance as well of the scolers of the sayd University as of the people of the Towne and inhabytants ther. By reason and colour of w^ch^ premyssys, the Mayer and Burgesses of Oxford have not only made petycion to have the seyd new pryvelegys repellyd and revoked, but also grevously dooth dysturbe, enquyett, and noye the said Chaunceller and Scollers, and will not permitt ne suffer the said Chaunceller and Scollers to enioye theyr ould privileges like as they have usyd to do yn tymes past, nor yet any parte thereof graunted to them by the Kings grace and his most noble progenetors before the seyd first day of Aprill, yn the seyd xviij^th^ yer off our seyd soveraigne lord y^e^ Kynge that now is.

Ytt may therefore please the Kings grace hyghnes, by the devisse of the lords spirituall and temporall, and hys Commons yn this present parliament assembled, and by y^e^ auctoryty of the same, for perpetuall quietnesse as well of the Universitie as of the seyd Towne of Oxford, to establish, ordeyne, and enact that from henceforth the seyd letters pattents, berynge date the first day of Aprill yn y^e^ seyd xviij^th^ yere of our seyd soverayn lorde the Kynge that now is, made and graunted as ys abovesayd, be clerly voyd and of none effect; and that the seyd Chaunceller, Commyssary, or Schollers, nor any of them, from henceforth shall not use, clayme, have, nor chalenge any libertyes, pryveleges, or ffraunchesys, by reason of the seyd graunt, berynge dayt the seyd first day of Aprill, in the seyd xviij^th^ yer made, as is aboveseyd.

Provyded alway and be yt enacted that this act, or any thinge theyryn conteyned, extend not, nether any wyesse be preudyciall or hurtfull unto any pryvyleges, lybertyes, or fraunchesys w^ch^ the Chaunceller and Scollers of the sayd Universitie of Oxford now ben or before the sayd fyrst day of Aprill, in the xviij yere of the reyne of our seyd soverayne lord Kyng Henry the Eight, have been lawfully entytyled to have by reason of eny graunt or graunts, guift or guifts, to them or eny of their predecessors made or graunted by our seyd soverayne lord, or by eny of his most noble progenytors, by eny lawfull letters pattents made before the seyd first day of Apryll, yn the seyd xviij^th^ yere of hys most noble reynge; or by eny agreement, covenaunte, accord, or composycion, reall or personall, made or hade betwixt the Chaunceller or hys Commyssary and Scollers or theyr predecessors, or by the predecessors of eny of them of the on party, and

the Mayer and Burgesses of the Towne of Oxford or theyr predecessors on the other partye, or w$^{th}$ the sayd Chaunceller, Commyssarye, and Scolers, by prescription or eny other lawfull means wer or been entytyled to have before the sayd fyrst day of Aprill, in the xviij$^{th}$ yere abovesaid. But that the said Chanceller, Commyssary, and Scollers, and theyr successors and theyr deputys for the tyme beinge, and every of them, by the auctoryty of thys present act shall have, hoold, and quietly enioye from henceforth all every and syngular sytche lybertyes, pryveleges, franchesys, agrem$^{ts}$, covenaunts, and composicions, and other the premisys by them or eny of theyr predecessors before the seyd fyrst day of Apryll lawfully had or usyd yn as ample manner and forme as they or eny of theyr p$^{r}$decessors the same hed usyd or enioyed at eny tyme before the seyd fyrst day of Apryll, yn the seyd xviij$^{th}$ yere, any thinge yn this present act of repeale or revocacion had or made to the contrary notw$^{th}$standing.

*Twyne*, v. 289.

1543, July 17. *D$^{r}$. Tresham, Commisarie of the Universitie, his Recognisance to y$^{e}$ Kinge H.* 8 *in* 1000 *markes for y$^{e}$ Universities giving bond of* 1000 *poundes unto y$^{e}$ said Kinge, not to clayme any benefit by K. H.* 8 *his Charter lately procured by Cardinall Wolsey.*

Willielmus Tresham de villa Oxon clericus, recog. Domino Regi mille marcas solvend. eidem Domino Regi xx$^{o}$ die Julii proxim' futur' et nisi, &c., tunc, &c.

The condition of this recognisance is such y$^{t}$ if y$^{e}$ above bounded William Tresham, his heyres or executors, doe bringe or deliver, or cause to be brought or delivered, unto y$^{e}$ right hon$^{ble}$ S$^{r}$ Tho. Audeley, knight, L$^{d}$ Audeley of Walden, and Lord Chancello$^{r}$ of England, w$^{th}$in one moneth next after y$^{e}$ date of this recognisance, one obligation sufficient in y$^{e}$ lawe, wherein ye Chancellor and Schollers of y$^{e}$ Universitie of Oxford shalbe bounden to our soveraigne lord y$^{e}$ Kinge by their common seale in y$^{e}$ summe of one thousand pounde, to be endorced w$^{th}$ this condition; that if y$^{e}$ saide Chauncellor nor Schollers, nor any of them, nor their successors, doe take any commoditie, profit, or advantage by vertue of certayne letters patents graunted by y$^{e}$ Kinges ma$^{tie}$ unto y$^{e}$ saide Chauncello$^{r}$ and Schollers of Oxford at y$^{e}$ suit and contemplation of Thomas, late lord Cardynall, then the sayde obligation to be voyd, and y$^{t}$ then this recognisance shallbe voyde, or else to stand in his full strenght and vertue. Prouyded allwayes y$^{t}$ if it shall hereafter appeare y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ saide letters patents be cancelled, or otherwise voyde in y$^{e}$ lawe, then y$^{e}$ saide obligation shall be redelivered to y$^{e}$ said Chancello$^{r}$ and Schollers, and be voyde, and of no force ne effect. *Twyne*, v. 319.

1543, July 20. *Lease of the Town Hall Buildings.*

[Indenture made the 20 July, 35 Henry VIII., between William Freurs, Mayor of the Towne of Oxford, John Pye, John Barry, Richard Gonter, and Edmond Ireishe, Aldermen; Raphe Flexney and William Frewen, Bayliffs; William Tylcock and John Dobson, Chamberlyns, and the Burgesses and Comonaltie of the same Towne on the on partie, and William Fruers aforesaid of the other partie, being a lease of two tenements demised by Maister John Clerke, Master of the Rolls, sett and lyinge in Oxford, one in the parish of St. Martyn called the Blew Bore, in Fishe Streete, and the other in the parish of St. Aldates, adjoining on the south part of the said tenement, for 85 years, at an annual rent of 13s 4d.]

*Vellum Book*, i. 444.

1543, Aug. 4. *Lease of a Tenement near the West Gate.*

[John Wayte to have in farme the tenement lying at the West Gate of Oxford, late in the tenur of Fryer Bryan, wyth certen ground there, for xxj yeres.]

[1543], Aug. 10. *William Kelyng amerced.*

Md at a Councell holden the xth daye of August, yt agreed by the Councell of this Town that Wylliam Kelyng ys amerced xs, to be payde to thuse of the seid Towne, for the wrongfull vexacion of John Wells, contrary to his othe. A. 13 b.

1542-43. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Freurs, Mayor; William Tylcokk and John Dobson, Chamberlains,* 34 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Mich.*, 35 *Hen. VIII.*]

Robert Shurley.
Robert Nycholson.
John Northe, glasyer.
Robert Whyttell, hosyer.
Percival Hethe.
Edward a Bedwar, glover.
John Bolt.
William Wylkys.
William Rogers, taylour.
Geoffrey White, rowghmason.
John Where, potycary.
John Pene, coper.
Robert Symonds.
James Sterysacres, taylor.
Thomas Pole.
John Stagpole, fre mason.
William Hewes, carpenter.
Thomas Cokeyne.
John Nycols.
Robert Jacson, roughe mason.
Thomas Cartwryghte.
Crystofer Arundell.
Geoffrey Waynwryght, bocher.

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1543, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Edmund Irysshe.

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Elmes, Richard Whyttyngton. | *Chamberlains*, { William Dew, William Tovye.

*Town Clerk*, Thomas Chapman. *Crier*, John Deacons.

1544, May 30. *Certain Persons to serve his Majesty in the Wars.*

M^d at a Councell holden the xxx^th daye of Maye, yn the xxxvj^th yere of the reigne of oure Sovereigne lord Kyng Henry the viij^th yt ys fully agreed that Mr. Alderman Fryer and Mr. Alderman Pye, shall comon' and treate wyth Master Carter for and concernyng the settyng forward of certen persons to the Kyngs maiestyes warres, wythe the Duks grace of Suffolk, and that suche ende as the same persons shall take wyth the seid Mr. Cartar the same Towne shall stond unto and performe the same, and yf any person refuce to stond to the same, then yt shall be lawfull for Mr. Mayer for the tyme beyng to comytt all suche persone and persons to ward, there to remayne unto such tyme as they and every of theym shall agre unto the same ende. A. 18.

1543-4. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Edmund Irysshe, Mayor; William Dew and William Tovye, Chamberlains.* 35 *Hen. VIII.*

William Bayly, joyner.
John Bentam, coper.
James Clarke, capper.
Thomas Gyles, taylour.
Thomas Byssell.
Thomas Kechyn.
Robert Tynker.
William Conway.
Thomas Baker.
William Pykaver.
John Owen.
Ralph Shypman, bocher.
Edward Willyams.
William Pantre, gent.
John Parry, *alias* John Ap lewen Gonter.
Thomas Tovy.

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1544, Sept. 29. *Extracts from the Accounts concerning the surrender of Oseney, from the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lady,* 36 *Hen. VIII.*

In primis for hedgyng the dove howse close round about, delyverid to the handis of Davy Barbar for the workyng . . . .

Item, to the smyth y^t mendyd the clock . . . . . .

Item, for closyng upp ij dores and broken places in the walls of the kyll howses beneyth the mylls . . . . . .

Item, to a carpenter workyng in the steple and mendyng the steyres ther . . . . . .

Item, for makyng upp the corner of the owt wall toward Ruley, and parte of a wall w^t^in Osney, v days, vij^d^ a day . ij^s^ xj^d^
Item, for a key to the great gate at Osney . . . iij^d^
Item, for a newe key for the wykett of the great gate fell by Tho. Davy the porter, and mendyng the lock . . v^d^
Item, for Mast^r^ Ellys dyner, the Kyngs mason, and his cumpanys dyner at Abynton, when he apoynted stuff of Abynton church for Christ Church the first tyme . . . . iiij^s^ ij^d^

*Bodl. MS.*

1544, Sept. 29. *Extracts from a Chamberlain's account.*

In an account of the Chamberlains of Oxford (William Dewe and William Tovye) for the 36 Hen. VIII.

Rents returned.—The Chamberlains ask (*inter cætera*) to be allowed 4^s^ for a free rent of one hall, called the Shepe hall[39], belonging to George Oweyn, gentleman; and of 13^s^ 4^d^ for the rent of one vacant plot of land called "le Jury scole," belonging to the Dean and Canons of the Kings College.

Customs and necessary expences.—Item, they ask to be allowed 26^s^ 8^d^, paid to the Master of the Rolls for the rent of "le Blewebore[40]."

*Twyne*, xxiii. 631.

1544, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Edmund Irysshe.

*Bailiffs*, { John Walkelyn, John Payn.

*Chamberlains*, { Roger Hewatt, William Kyrkman.

*Council*, 1543 *and* 1544.
Richard Iverye,
Andrew Burnet,
John Smythe,
John Wells,
Thomas Wynkley.

[39] In the *Lib. Alb.*, fo. 34, is a deed dated 1373, by which Agnes de Stretlegh, Abbess of Godstow, grants to the Warden and Scholars of Canterbury Hall, Oxford, the whole of that hall, called Shiphall, in St. Edward's way, between le Vynehall on the north, and the said Canterbury Hall on the south, for an annual rent of 20^s^. The above payment was for inclosing a lane running out of Shidyerd street, now called St. Mary Hall lane, being the reserved rent contained in the composition between the Abbess and convent of Godstow, and the Mayor and commonalty of Oxford. See also p. 177, note.

[40] The blew bore, or as it was formerly known, the Domus Conversorum, and the ancient Town-hall of the city, formed part of the property mentioned in the will of Nicholas Saundresdon of Oxford, spycer, proved at a Hustings Court held April 18, 1399: "I leave to Matilda my wife the whole of my tenement that I live in, called anciently 'Domus Conversorum,' now commonly called Carysyn, and the whole of my tenement adjacent called Grenested hall, with 'le ȝ fishebordes' standing on each side of my doorway, to have and to hold the said tenements and appurtenances, and to present a chaplain to the chantry of the blessed Virgin in the church of St. Martin when the time for presentation shall happen, for the term of her life, paying annually to the Master of the house of Converts, London, 8 marks of silver, and to the chaplain of the chantry aforesaid 4 marks." It is likely it came into the hands of the city, because there is mentioned in the will of the above Nicholas, that if his executors there named, and his son William Saundresdon, should happen to die before these his tenements were sold for the establishing of the said chantry, then the parson of St. Martin's, together with the Mayor and Bailiffs of Oxford, should do it, and have the right of presenting a chaplain.

1544/5, Jan. 10. *Inrolment of Thomas Bentley's Charter.*

[Thomas Bentley, of Stratforde upon Avon, releases to Harman Evyns, of Oxford, bookseller (bibliopol'), all his right to a messuage, &c., in Oxford, in the parish of St. Mary the Virgin, between a tenement of the Chamberlains of the City of Oxford on the east, and a tenement of John Jenyns on the west, and the King's way to the north. Dated 10 Jan., 36 Hen. VIII.] *Lib. Alb.*, 183.

1545, April 19. *Any Person mysusyng hymselfe to any Person of thys Towne.*

M^d at a Councell holden the xix^th daye Aprell, the [x]xxvj yere of the reigne of o^r sovereigne lord Kyng Henry the viij^th, Wyll'm Freurs, oon of the Aldermen of the same, Wylliam Tylcock and Maurice Vaghhan, knowleged theym selffs to owe unto oure seid sovereigne lord to th'use of this Towne xx^li a pece uppon condycion followyng, that ys to wete that they and every of theym shall stonde to suche ordre and dyreccon as shall be taken by the seid Councell for all matters of contravercye dependyng betwene theym yn sute.

At whyche Counceyle yt ys condyscendyd and agreed by ther hoole concent that they the seid Wylliam Freurs, Wylliam Tylcokks, and Moryce Vaghhan shall be lovers and ffrends accordyng to the custom of thys Towne. And that they and every of theyme shall stonde to suche costs and expences as they have susteynyd yn that behalff.

Further yt ys agreed that yf any manner of Burgese of this Towne do mysuse oon another otherwyse and contrary to the good auncyent custom of this Towne other yn word or dede, that then suche person so mysused uppon dew prove made therof to the Mayer or any Alderman, then suche person that so hathe mysused any person of what degree so euer he or they be, shall forfeyte xl^d, the oon half therof to the vse and profytt of this Towne, and thother halff to the party greved, to be payde forth wythe upon suche prove, or ells yt shall be laufull to master Mayer for the tyme beyng to comand hym to pryson, there to remeyn untyll he hathe payd the seid forfeyte.

A. 17 b.

1545, April 28. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles.*

[Edmond Woolloffe, M.A., presented to the Church of St. Giles, on the resignation of John Poyne.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1545, June 3. *Inrolment of Sale of Lands, &c., in Grantpont.*

[Indenture made 3 June, 37 Henry viij, between Robert Hethe of Shylleswell, co. Oxon, gent., of the one part, and Robert Parrett of the City of Oxford, gent., of the other part, being a sale unto the said Robert Parret of a tenement with a garden yn Grauntpont yn the suburbs of Oxon, on thest parte of the strete there betwene a certen water called Denchworthe bowe, and the Shere lake on the southe parte, and a tenement of the Dean and Canons of the College of Seynt Fryswyds the vyrgyn on the north parte, and a certain meadow and grounds lying in the said suburbs of Oxford.] *Lib. Alb.*, 163.

1545, June 24. *For Rewlye Loockes.*

M^d at a Councell holden the xxiiij daye of June, the xxxvij yere of the reigne of oure souereigne lord kyng Henry the viij^th, yt ys agreed that a certen lokk lately erected and called Ruly myddell lokk shall be stopped upp so that Mr. Doctor Owen and his assygnes shall not draue the same, and torne the water from the Kyngs myll of the Cyty of Oxford, and also that all other sluces and lokks belongyng to Ruly and the wyke shall be stopped at such tymys as nede shall requyer to cause the water to have hys ryght cource to the seid mylls. A. 18.

1544-5. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Edmund Irysshe, Mayor; Roger Hewat and William Kyrkeman, Chamberlains.* 36 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Michaelmas*, 1545.]

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| Thomas Cotes. | Reginald Barton. |
| John Johnson. | Augustine Kyrke. |
| James Dodwell. | William Ossewen. |
| John Brynkenell, barbour. | Richard Terykk. |
| Henry Wykes, mercer. | Jana Wogan. |
| Richard Flaxney, chaundelour. | Thomas Grene. |

p. 224.

1545, Sept. 29. *Extracts from the Chamberlains' Accounts, 37 Hen. VIII.*

Imprimis, of Will. Thomas for the rent of 2 cottages nigh y^e Castell mylls, w^th a parcell of voide grounde adioyninge to the same, leased unto him by indenture, w^th reparations to be done at his charges . . . . . iiij^s v^d

Item, of the same Will. Thomas, for y^e rent of a parcell of ground called y^e Swannes nest, and a parcell of the Castell ditch, and the ground licinge in y^e newe markett, leased unto him by indenture . . . . . iiij^s

Item of Christofer Hancay for the ground and peynes of ye wall are called the pounde at the north gate on the west side thereof . . iij^s iiij^d

Item of Harman Evans for the rent of a tenement at St. Mary hall lane . x^s

Item of Will. Frens for a tenement in the said parish of All-hallowes and ye voyde ground under the towne wall against Laurence hall leased unto Edward Frens . . iiij^s

For a free rent of one hall lately called Vine hall [a], and now Peckwaters inn belonging to the Warden and Fellows of New College in Oxford . . . xij^d

And for the rent of one vacant plot of ground called "le Jury forte" belonging to the Dean and Canons of the Kings College in Oxford . . . xiij^s iiij^d

*Payne*, xxiii. 248.

1545, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Gunter.

*Bailiffs*, Thomas Mallynson, William Tylcokks. *Chamberlains*, William Pantre, Thomas Cotes.

*Water Bailiff*, William Frewen.

A. 78 b.

1546, Aug. 11 [a].

*Coroner*, John Pye. *Chamberlain*, John Raper [b].

[a] This ancient rent is fully set forth in the following proceedings in a hustings court, held 20 Rich. II.—

To this court of our lord the King of the Town of Oxford, held there before Richard de Garston, Mayor, John Spycer and John Barbrygge, Bailiffs, the Friday next before the feast of St. Dunstan, 20 Richard II., came William Chart, monk of the monastery of Canterbury, and prior of the College of Monks of Canterbury in Oxford, in his own proper person, and asked of the said Mayor and Bailiffs that William de Bergeveneye might be relieved against the community of Oxford of xx^d, in which the same William was bound to the said community for a certain annual rent of xij^d, going out of the same college for the east end of a certain lane in Shidesyrde, which lane belongs to the same community, and is inclosed in manner following: The head of the said lane towards the west is between the hall called Vynehall and a certain other hall called Sheephall, which is a hall of the abbess and convent of Godstow, which same hall is inclosed by the same college to [*blank*] of the college, and the head of the same lane likewise by demise of the abbess and convent, for which head of the lane the said abbess and convent pay annually to the same community 4^d, and it contains in length 24 ft. and in breadth 13 ft.; another part of the lane is inclosed by the college of St. Mary of Winton in Oxon, to the use of Vynehall aforesaid, and the end towards the east and south is inclosed by the said college of Canterbury, whence for these two parcels so inclosed, as is before set forth, each college paying to the said community xij^d for its parcel, for which cause the said William Chart, the prior, came and paid arrears for 6 years to Henry Freeman and Hugh Benet, the chamberlains, 6^s and 8^d beyond.

The extent of Vine hall may be gathered from a roll in the Augmentation Office of the possessions of St. Frideswide, where is entered that Vine hall, otherwise called Peckwaters Inne, contains by estimation, with all buildings and appurtenances, 3 acres, and is worth per ann. viij^li xiij^s iiij^d.

[b] Elections made during each municipal year will be placed under date at the commencement of the year in which they occur.

[c] In the room of Thomas Cotes, deceased.

1545, Oct. 7. *Presentation to the Church of Saint Aldate.*

[Thomas Havarde presented by the King to the church of Saint Aldate, on the resignation of Thomas Hopkyns.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1545/6, Feb. 1. *A monytion to a Sargeant.*

M^d at a Cowncell holden the furst daye of February the xxxvij yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viij^th, Wylliam Baker otherwyse Wylliam Jones hathe monycion to geve better attendance uppon [pain] of forfeyture of his offyce at two mo monycons, &c. A. 18.

1545/6, Feb. 1. *Lease of a tenement in Laurence Hall lane from the City to Ralph Flaxney.*

[Raff Flaxney to have a tenement yn a lane callyd laurence hall lane adjoynyng to the churche yard of Seynt Mychells at the northe gate at the est end of the same churche, and also a garden grounde adjoynyng to the seyd tenement on the est end of the same tenement late yn the tenure of John Westborne for xxj yeres.] A. 18.

1546, June 4. *Orders concerning the grinding of Corn at the Castell Mills.*

Where cause of controversye, varyaunce, and debate, hathe ben moved and brought afore the Kyngs honorable counsaill and by them harrde the daye and yere aboveseid by John Lewys of Oxford, defendaunt aswell for the takinge and dystreyninge of three quarters of wheate meale under the pretence and color of a thinge forfayte as for the untrewe and excessyve tollinge of certayne quarters of wheate meale practyseid and commenlye used by the myllers of the Castle mylles theare in prejudice and hurte of the complaynant, and his greate hynderaunce and losse as in the complaynt of the said Lewys further ys declared at large, in avoydinge whereof and to thentent that trewe dealynge in that behalfe hereafter maye be used. The said Counsayll have by assent and agrement of the aforesaid parties, consyderynge and perceavinge by certyficate afore them returned, that muche untrowthe and untrewe dealynge hathe byn by the myllers aforesaid used nowe redownedynge to the great losse of the Kyngs people after the rate and pryses as corne nowe goeth, have ordered and dyrected that the aforesaid complaynant from henceforthe for his assuraunce and trewe gryndeynge and tollynge of his corne, shall have lybertye from henceffurthe weekeley two dayes in every weeke, that ys to say every Tewesdaye and Fridaye to appoynte whate myller that he will thyther brynge unto the said Castell myll at his coste and charged, to grynde as mouche

corne as he will have grounde by the space of the said two dayes, leavinge unto the said Baylyffs soe moche tole for the gryndynge of every bushell of corne as the Bayliffes in Oxford have justelye had in tymes paste, and maye lawefullye take by vertue of anolde composicion made w$^{th}$in the said cytie, the same tolle to be taken by the said Baylyffes or theyr deputie in the presence of the said complaynant or his deputye, and that the said Lewys shall have the keyes of the dore of the said myll in his custodye for so longe space and tyme in the said two dayes as the said corne shalbe thearein gryndinge. And after his said corne there grounde then to delyver the said keyes agayne to the said Baylyffes or unto theyr myllers for the tyme beyinge. And further yt ys ordereyd that the said Baylyffes shall paye and trewely content unto the aforesaid John Lewes by the feast of Corpus Xp'i next commynge for and in recompence aswell of certeyn the said wheate meale so by them taken frome him undre pretence of a forfayture. As also in recompense of suche other corne as the said myllers have stollen frome him under pretence of tolle ffower q$^{r}$ters of good wheate meale orels the summe of iiij$^{li}$ xiij$^{d}$ iiij$^{d}$. That ys to saye after the rate and pryce of xxiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ the quarter, as the pryce of wheate was at the tyme of the takynge of the aforesaid meale. This ordre to be observed and kept, yt ys commaunded to the said parties trewely, to be performed as thoffendors thereof will answere to the kynge at theyre uttermost daungers and perills for the breache of the same.

*Hanasters*, p. 366 b.

1546, Aug. 5. *Perjury in falsefieing of the Freeman's Othe.*

M$^{d}$ at a Councell holden the v$^{th}$ day of August, yn the xxxviij yere of the reigne of oure sovereigne lord Kyng Henry the viij$^{th}$, yt ys agreed by thole Councell of thys Cytye that John Lewes of the seyd Cytye, baker, shall for hys perjury uppon hys othe made to the guyld of the same Cytye, have and suffur xl dayes prysonment yn the pryson of Bukkardo, and also to ware a paper for perjury wythyn the seyd Cyty thre severall markett dayes, onlesse that by the greate labour and suyte made unto Master Mayar to the contrary, &c. A. 18.

*John Brydgeman.*

At the seyd day and Councell yt ys condyscended that John Brydgeman shall have the Rome wythyn the seyd Cyty in processyon, and otherwyse, next unto thaldermen of the same, and hys wyff next unto thaldermens wyffes duryng ther lives, wythowt dis-

turbance and contradyccon ; and hathe promysed x$^{li}$ sterlyng money to be payde wythyn xiiij dayes next insuyyng the date herof, and hath found pledgys for payment therof, Wylliam Thomas and Wylliam Spencer. A. 18.

*John Wells.*

[John Wells to have the rome of a Chamberleyn, paying iij$^{li}$ vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$.]

*Thomas Swadlyng.*

[Thomas Swadlyng discharged from the office of Chamberleyn for the som of xl$^{s}$.] A. 18.

1546, Sept. 16. *Monie insteed of the Bailiffs Banquett.*

M$^{d}$ at a Councell holden the xvj daye of Septembre, yn the xxxviij yere of the reigne of oure sovereign lord the Kyng aboveseyd, yt ys condyscendyd by thole Councell, that the Baylyes whyche shalbe elected at thys present daye and yere shall paye forthwythe uppon there eleccions, equally betwene theym, vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ sterling, for payment of whyche som they shalbe dyscharged of there bankett to be made at there howses on Mychelmasse daye next insuyng; and also that Master Rychard Atkynson, beyng late elected oon of thaldermen of thys Cytye, uppon whyche eleccion heretofore yt hathe ben accustomed that when so ever any Alderman ys elected, should make to the Mayar, thaldermen, Baylyes, Chamberleyns, Burgeses, and Comynalte oon brekefast, shall paye iij$^{li}$ vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ sterlyng, and shall be dyscharged for makeyng the seyd brekefast, provydyd allwey that thys acte be not prejudycyall hereafter to the seyd custome, but onely for thys present yere. A. 18 b.

*Fine for an Alderman elected, refusinge. Henry Wylmon.*

Item, that where Henry Wylmon ys also elected to be oon of thaldermen of this Cytye, uppon dyvers concyderacons movyng and declaryng apparantly before the seid Councell, desyrythe to be remyttyd from thexecucion and usyng the seyd offyce, and hathe promysed frely to paye unto thuse of thys Cyty vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ sterlyng; in concyderacon wherof yt ys condyscendyd by thole Councell aforeseyd that the seid Henry shall allwey from hensforthe be dyscharged from the eleccion, usyng, or executyng the seyd offyce for the payment of the seyd som, and hath put yn pledgys for payment of the same, Wylliam Kyrkman and Thomas Wyllyams, to be payd before the ffeast of All Seynts next comyng, uppon reasonable monycion,

and shall have place wythyn thys Cytye yn processyon, and ellswhere, wyth Master Brydgeman, except syttyng on the benche yn the Guyldhall onely, and hys wyff also wyth Master Brydgemans wyff. A. 18 b.

*Order against Canvasing at Elections.*

Item, that where heretofore greate labour hathe ben used for the eleccion for thaldermanshypp and Baylywyke wythyn thys Cytye, yt ys also condyscendyd that what so ever person or persons at any tyme hereafter do make labour for thopteynyng of the seyd offyces of Aldershyppe shall forfeyte and pay xx$^{li}$, and for the offyce of Baylywyke x$^{li}$, forthwyth uppon request laufully to hym that so shall offend made; and that the procurars therof and goars about theryn to be punysshed at the dyscrecon of the Mayar for the tyme beyng. A. 18 b.

1546, Mich. *Payments made on account of the surrender of Oseney and Saint Frideswyde, ending Michaelmas, 38$^{th}$ Hen. VIII.*

Inprimis, to Poppyng Jaye the joyner, for taking down y$^{e}$ stalls and sydes of y$^{e}$ quire and hye aultar, and other thyngs in y$^{e}$ church, for hymself viij days . . . . x$^{s}$

Item, to Popyng Jaye for hymselfe iij days, at takyng downe y$^{e}$ roffe of y$^{e}$ churche . . . . . xviij$^{d}$

Item, to the carpenter of Radley, for v days workyng on the bridge at Fryswith, vij$^{d}$ a day . . . . ij$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$

Item, to Moore, in part of his bargen for clensyng the buttry at Fryswithes . . . . . .

Item, for carege of one myllstock for the fullyng myll, and expenses therabout . . . . . xviij$^{s}$

Item, to Syngleton, for settyng the gable rope from Newbery to pull downe y$^{e}$ bells . . . . . iiij$^{s}$

Item, to John Wesburne, carpenter, takyng down the bell, for hymself iij days . . . . . ij$^{s}$

Item, to Popyng Jaye and his ij servaunts workyng agayn upon the quere at Fryswyds . . . . . vij$^{s}$

Payd to M$^{r}$. Raynold for meltyng of the leade of the churche, and castyng into sowes . . . . xvj$^{li}$ viij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Payd to William Plummer for takyng doune the leade of the cloyster and castyng hit into sowes . . iiij$^{li}$ iiij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$

Item, payd to Stephyn Cartar for carege of 1 lode of stone from White Freres to Fryswides, as by his score . . xj$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

Item, to John Wesburne, chief carpenter, takyng down the bells for vj days . . . . . iiij$^{s}$

Item, to Geffrey Vyne iiij day about takyng downe y^e^ battel ments of the church and upon the porch . . ij^s^ vij^d^

Item, paid to Haryson for one day goyng to y^e^ wode to helpe home tymber, and for lendyng his men to help downe the great bell . . . . . viij^d^

Item, payd to M. Commyssary for clensyng of the courte at Fryswyds layd owt by hym, as by hys byll . . . v^s^ viij^d^

Item, to Wesburne and his men, one day in y^e^ steple abowt the great bell and his frame . . . . . iij^s^

Item, payd to Nycolson y^e^ glasyer for his workyng at Fryswids xx^s^

Item, payd to Wellbye of Ensham, for caryege of the great bell to Fryswids, 26 September . . . . xx^s^

Item, to John Wesburne, chief carpenter, about y^e^ loft in Fryswids steple, iij days . . . . . ij^s^

Item, to y^e^ goldsmyth for mendyng y^e^ senser at Fryswids . viij^d^

Item, to M^r^. Nycolson, the glasyer, for his worke at Fryswithes, and for his glasse of the armes and ymages, payd 9^o^ Octobris *in presentia* M^r^. Belser . . . viij^li^

Item, to John Wesburne, chief carpenter, at the steple at Fryswides, vj days . . . . . iiij^s^

Item, for ale to theym laboreres at y^e^ wyndyng up of the great bell into Friswides steple. . . . . iiij^d^

Item, for his [John Wesburne] iij laborers hangyng the great bell, makyng the flore . . . . . v^s^ v^d^

Item, to ij felowes helpyng to hang hit up . . . ij^d^

Item, payd to Wynkyll the smyth, in parte of payment for his yron worke about the mylls and Fryswids, and the great bell clapper . . . . . xl^s^

Item, to y^e^ smyth of Abynton, for casements vj to y^e^ hall in Friswides, bespoken by Nycolson . . . . . .

Item, to William Redehed, for car^ge^ of stone from the White Frers to Friswides wall, xxx lode . . . vij^s^ vj^d^

Item, to Wesburne, carpenter, settyng upon the frame and bells into Fryswides steple . . . . . xiiij^s^

Item, to John Edwards, carpenter, for takyng downe of the roof of y^e^ fraterhowse of Abynton, in parte of his bargen . xx^s^

Item, to Wesburne, carpenter, and his iij servaunts, vj daies abowt the clok howse . . . . . xiiij^s^

Item, to Rafe White, joyner, workyng for the quere and for y^e^ organs, for hymself and his iij servants, vj daies . xiiij^s^ vj^d^

Item, to Peter the sawyer and his felowe, for sawyng the tables to the hall at Fryswithis v^e^ fote . . . . v^s^

Item, paid to Mastres Iryshe for wyne to Fryswithes Churche sythe tyme of the surrender untyll the vij day of July,

37 Hen. viij, as aperith by the sckores for v quarters, viz. a yere and quarter . . . . . xlv$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Item, to the smyth that sett up the clock at Fryrwith, upon his bargen . . . . . iiij$^{s}$

Item, to Whittyngton, for syngyng bred for franckynsense, for gyrdles for albes, as apperith by his score . . vj$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$

Item, for viij yardes and a half of tape for to make gyrdyls for the albys . . . . . iiij$^{d}$

Summa 327$^{li}$ xv$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$.

*Bodl. MS.*

[1546.] *Minutes of the Leasing of Oseney Abbey to William Stumpe, clothier, of Malmesbury.*

*What M$^{r}$. Stumppe*[44] *must have at Osney concernyng howses.*

The gate howse, the howses by the gate, w$^{th}$ Mr. Bysleys lodgyng, horcharde, garden, and all other appertayning.

M$^{r}$. Lynches lodgyng and his garden, the long stable.

The tymber yard, the dovehowse.

M$^{r}$. Deanes lodgyng, w$^{th}$ the lodgyngs annexed and chapell, his kytchyn and his stable.

The myll howses w$^{th}$ all other howses in that reawe.

M$^{r}$. Belsyres lodgyng, M$^{r}$. Days lodgyng w$^{th}$ the backhowse.

M$^{r}$. Belsyre stable, M$^{r}$. Days stable.

The slawghter howse w$^{th}$ other in that reawe, two lytle chambres over the gates w$^{th}$in the great courte.

The great hygh howse betwyx M$^{r}$. Days lodgyng and the late greatt cloyster w$^{th}$ a lyttell howse annexed where the cooke dyd lye.

M$^{r}$. Haynes lodgyng, w$^{th}$ the great hall above and the great parler beneath annexed to the same.

The scole howse, w$^{th}$ a lyttle chamber annexed wher Lant lay.

The howses at the north end of the dorter.

M$^{r}$. Dyars lodgyng, the fraters and the dorter.

The great barn in the dovehowse closse.

*What M$^{r}$. Stumppe must have at Osney concernyng medowes, grownds, waters, and mylls about Osney.*

The aley meadow.

The oxe close.

[44] Leland mentions that Stump was a rich clothier, who after the dissolution bought the Abbey of Malmesbury of the King, and all the offices were full of looms to weave cloth. He intended to have made a street or two for clothiers of the vacant ground of the abbey; and that weavers had also looms in the little church. Evidence of the actual possession of Oseney, as well as of Malmesbury, by this clothier is wanting. It is not probable that he occupied it very long, although in a book of expenses payments are made towards fitting up the mills. The document above is the only one conveying any idea of the extent of the abbey, and as a curious piece of evidence of this once grand ecclesiastical house is here printed.

All orchardes and powndes w$^{th}$in the ground of the late cathedrall churche there.

The dove house close, the churchyards.

The meadow at the hygh brydge fote towards Hynksey.

The fredom of the caryege by ferye.

The mylles, the waters w$^{th}$ the fysshyngs apporteyning to Osney, w$^{th}$ the benefits of the water of Ruley, to helpe the mylles at Osney, no fysshyng or other benefite went.

Also M$^{r}$. Stumppe shall have the premises for terme of . . . . yeres.

Item, he shall have libertye at any tyme herafter to sett a myll upon Ruley waters, agreyng w$^{t}$ the lordes for the grownde.

Item, that he shall fell no tree nor trees within the precynct of the late churche without the specyall lycenc of the Deane or officer for the tyme beyng apoynted for that and suche other purposes.

Item, that the church of Osney and all the stones of the same be reserved to the Deane and Canons for the buyldyngs at Frydeswyd, and that they may have ingresse and egresse att all tymes for caryege of the same.

Item, that he shall have no newe tymber nor olde at Osney. To have the oxe close hoolly after that William Plummers lease is expyred, and duryng William Plummers terme for thannunciacon untyll Mychaelmas, so that William Plummer and his wyfe for their life tymes have allways goyng there at their pleasure one horse or geldyng. And after their bothe departures or dethes, to geve to one of theyr chyldren at William Plummers assignment duryng theyr lease yerely x$^{s}$.

*What Mr. Stumppe must do havyng Osney.*

Fyrst, he must paye yerely for rent in the whole xviij$^{li}$ by equall partes at the foure usuall termes.

Second, he shall make noo undertenant, nor leave hit to ony man with owt the consent of the Deane and Chapter there, provided that the Deane and Chapter shall gyve their consent withowt difficultie, yf the undertenant be honest and hable to occupye the said howses and mylles, accordyngly to the meanyng of thes indentures.

Thyrdly, he must bynd hymself to fynd worke for ij M (2,000) persons from tyme to tyme, if they may be gotten, that wyll do their worke well contynually in clothemakyng, for the succour of the Cytye of Oxenford and the contrey abowt yt, for the which intent the mylles were made.

Fourthly, that he shall repayr the high bridge and all the other brydges in the paryshe of S. Nycolas from tyme to tyme duryng his

terme, and well repayred leave them in the end of his terme, and all this at his proper charges.

v$^{ly}$, that he shall repayre all the ryver and ryvers, dyke and dykes, bancke and banckes, apperteynyng to the churche aforesaid, at his proper charges, and so leave theym at the end of his leasse.

vj$^{thly}$, that he shall repayr, kepe uppe, and maynteyn all suche howses as shalbe left unto his use, and to leave them in good reparations at the end of his terme at his owne costs and charges.

vij$^{thly}$, y$^{t}$ he shall repayr all the mylles, and so kepe and leave them at his proper chardges.

viij$^{thly}$, that he shall repayre, mayntayne, and kepe uppe all the walles, hedges, and waters abowt the whole grownd of Osney and precynct of the late cathedral churche of Oxenford, and sufficiently to kepe the moundes of the same, and so to leave theym at his proper charges, and so that the water may not overgoo and destroye the grounde there in any part.

Also penalties must be apoynted for non payment of rent, for non kepyng of other poyntes, and likewise for not leavyng all well.

*Gough MS., Oxon*, 70.

1545-6. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Gonter, Mayor; William Pantre and Thomas Cotes, Chamberlains.* 37 *Hen. VIII.* (*ending Sept.* 28, 1546.)

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| John Hyll. | William Hopton. |
| Walter Dew. | Henry Seriaunt. |
| John Aspley. | John Broderton. |
| John Watson. | Richard Hartley. |
| Richard Cartar. | Bartholomew Lant. |
| Leonard Gratlyff. | Robert Rogerson, cowper. |
| Henry Mall. | Richard Danyell. |

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1546, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Gunter.

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Wyllyams, John Barton. | *Chamberlains*, { Richard Flaxney, Thomas Baly.

*Alderman*, Richard Atkinson [45], *loco* William Frere.

A. 79 b.

1547, Oct. 1. *Compounders.*

[John Lewys compounds for the office of Chamberleyn, paying 6$^{li}$ 13$^{s}$ 4$^{d}$. A. 27.

Andrew Ricote, shomaker, compounds for the office of Chamberleyn, paying 6$^{li}$ 13$^{s}$ 4$^{d}$.] A. 28.

[45] Elected before 16 Sep., 38 Hen. VIII.

1546, Oct. 4. *Nycholas Todd.*

[Nycholas Todd discharged from the offices of Chamberlain and Bailiff, paying vij$^{li}$ sterling to the use of the city.] A. 19.

1546, Oct. 9. *Ordinance concerning John Rappe.*

Item, at a Councell holden the ix day of Octobre, yn the xxxviij$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of oure seyd souereign lord the Kyng, yt ys condyscendyd and agreed by thole Councell of the seyd Cytye that John Rappe for and uppon certen consyderacyons under wrytten, that ys to wete that where the seyd John Rapp hathe a graunt and a leace under the seale of the Dean and Canons of the Kyngs College yn Oxford, of and for a late fayer called Fryswyds fayer, late holden wythyn the seyd college, the seyd John Rapp for the good seale that he beryth unto the benyfyte of thys Cytye, and for the som of xx$^{li}$ sterlyng, to be payd unto the seyd John Rapp yn forme followyng, that ys to saye, at the day of the delyverey of the seyd indenture x$^{li}$, at the feast of Seynt Mychell tharchaungell next insuyng the date herof iij$^{li}$ vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ hathe here graunted to delyver the seyd indentre whythyn iij dayes next insuyng the date hereof. And also desyrythe to be remytted and releaced from the eleccon, executyng, and using the offyce of Chamberleynshypp of thys Cytye, and hathe promysed to releace of the said somme of xx$^{li}$, vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. In concyderacon wherof the seyd Councell for theym and there successours by these presents fully do agre that the sayd John Rapp shall be clerely dyscharged from thexecutyng and usyng of the seyd offyce, and shall have place to go yn processyon and ells where wythyn the seyd and suburbes of the same, as a Chamberleyn compounder accordyng to hys admyssyon yn senyoryte, and hys wyff also duryng there lyves. A. 19.

1546, Nov. 21. *Grant to the City of a Tenement in the Parish of Saint Peter-in-the-East.*

Richard Taverner, Esq$^{r}$, and Roger Taverner, gentleman, grant to the Mayor and Burgesses of the City of Oxford the whole of that messuage or tenement with appurtenances lying in the parish of St. Peter in the East, now or lately in the tenure of Roger Cooke, and lately belonging to the dissolved house or college commonly called King Henry the Eight his college, and which the King by his letters patent dated 3$^{rd}$ November, 38 of his reign, gave and granted to the said Richard and Roger, their heirs and assigns for ever. They also appoint Roger Owen, clerk, their attorney to deliver seizin of the same. Dated 21 November, 38 Hen. VIII.

[With the signatures of the grantors ]

Endorsed on the back of this deed is the following: Possession and seizin of the within named premisses was delivered in the presence of Richard Gounter, Mayor; John Pye, Edward Irysshe, Richard Atkynson, and Ralph Flaxney, Aldermen; Thomas Wyllyams and John Barton, Bailiffs; Thomas Bally, one of the Chamberlains; Thomas Chapman, Town Clerk; Richard Jones, Mayor's Sergeant; William Jones and Geoffrey Vaghan, Bailiffs' Sergeants; and John Deacons, Crier, and many others; 23 Feb. 1, Ed. VI.

*City Records.*

1548/9, March 11. *Lease of the scite of the Austin Friars.*

[Indenture made 11th day of Marche, 1st year Edward VI., betweene John Molton of Bacheforde, in the co. of Gloucester, gent, of the on parte, and William Frewyn of the citye of Oxon, yoman, of the other parte, wytnesythe that where the sayd John Molton hathe, holdeythe, occupyth and inioyethe for terme of yeres the howse and scyte of the late howse or priorye of late calleyd the Austyn Freyrs in Oxford, now dissolvyd, wt all howses, edyfices, orchards, gardeyns, and coyle, wtin the scyte and precincte of the afforesayd late priorye, beyng oon close of grounde lyng of the northe parte of the churche of the sayd late priorye, wt the churche yard and the shoppes ther, wt ther app'ces, in the monythe of Maye, in the fayer ther yerlye occupied as by indentures thereof made, beryng date the laste day of December, in the xxxiijth yere of the reign of the late noble and famous Kyng Henry the viij, yt may appere; the sayd John Molton hathe demysed, grauntyd, and to farme letten, and by these presents doth demyse, graunte, and to farme lette unto the seyd William Frewyn, all the sayd howse and scyte of the sayd late howse or priorye called the Austyn frers, wt all the howses, edyfyces, orchards, gardens, and soyle wtin the sayd scyte and precincts of the sayd late priorye, beynge oon close of grounde of the northe syde of the churche ther, the seyd ten'ante wt the app'ces scituate at the gate of the sayd late priorye, wt the churche yarde and schoppes ther, in the monthe of Maye, in the fayer ther yerly occupyed, excepte and all wayse reservyd unto the sayd John Molton, his executors and assignes, all the woods and under woods standyng, groyng, and beyng in and apon the premysses, or eny parte therof, the garden plote leyng at thest ende of the chauncell of the sayd late priory, lettyn by the sayd John Molton to oon John Haddon, and all the stone ther nowe remayning comyng of the churche and other edyfyces of the sayd late priory. To have and to hold the same for 15 years, at a yearly rent of syx pounds syx shillings and eight pence. Per me Joh'em Moulton.]

*City Records.*

1547, Sept. 15. *Election of Members of Parliament.*

Richard Gunter, Mayor, and Com^lty^ elect Ralph Flaxney and Edward Freurs, M.P.'s for City.

*Parl. Writs and Returns, No.* 19, 1 *Edw. VI.*

1547, Sept. 20. *Edward Freure.*

[Edward Freurs dischargyd from the offices of Chamberleyn and Bayly for ever, paying to the use of the City vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^.] A. 19 b.

1546-7. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Gonter, Mayor; Richard Flaxney and Thomas Bayly, Chamberlains.* 38 *Hen. VIII.* [*ending Michaelmas,* 1547.]

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| Thomas Johnson, sadler. | William Wyllyams. |
| John Hartlett, fuller. | William Joyner. |
| William Pynfold, goldsmythe. | John Umpston. |
| Thomas Syche. | Cuthbert Underwod. |
| John Myssen. | Richard Hewet. |
| John Forest. | William Jacson. |

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1547, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor,* John Pye.

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| *Bailiffs,* | John Howell, William Dewe. | *Council.* James Dadwell, Abell Smythe, Roger Taylour, John Maylers. |
| *Chamberlains,* | Richard Willyams, William Hurst. | |

*Members of Parliament,* Ralph Flaxney, Edward Freurs.

(*Writs tested* 2 *Aug., to meet at Westminster* 4 *Nov.*)

A. 80 b.

1547, Oct. 3. *Sums subscribed for Dame Margaret Northern's Cofer.*

M^d^ that at a Councell holden the iij^th^ day of Octobre, yn the furst yere of the reygne of Kyng Edward the vj^th^, at the moicon of Mr. Pye, then beyng Mayer of the Cyty of Oxford, yt was wyllyngly agreed and euery person frely condyscendyd to geve a certen sum of money to the mayntenance of a coffer called de Margaret Northerns coffer, to be imployde to suche use and entent as the seyd Margeret

wylled by her last wyll and testement, whose names wythe the summes uppon them sett as herafter ffollowythe.

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|---|---|---|
| Master Pye, Mayer | iiij$^{s}$ | yerelye |
| M$^{r}$. Austen | xl$^{s}$ | |
| M$^{r}$. Irysshe | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ | |
| M$^{r}$. Gunter | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ | |
| M$^{r}$. Atkynson | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| M$^{r}$. Flaxney | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| M$^{r}$. Brydgeman | ij$^{s}$ | ,, |
| M$^{r}$. Wylmon | ij$^{s}$ | ,, |

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|---|---|---|
| Joh'es Howell. | | |
| Will's Dewe. | | |
| Will's Thomas | xvj$^{d}$ | yerely |
| Ric'us Cotton | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Xpoferous Hawkyns | xvj$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Thomas Lambe | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Thomas Hewster | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Will'us Syngleton. | | |
| Joh'es Leke | viij$^{d}$ | yerely |
| Will's Spencer | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Edward Glympton | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Robert James | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Will's Frewen | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Thomas Elmes | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Ric'us Wyttyngton | xvj$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Walklyn | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Payne | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Thomas Mallynson | xvj$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Will's Tylcokk | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Thomas Wyllyams | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh's Barton | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Will's Paw | xvj$^{d}$ | |
| Joh'es Wayte | ij$^{s}$ | ,, |
| Nicholas Todd. | | |
| Edward Freuers | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |

*Camerarii.*

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| Ric'us Wyllyams | viij$^{d}$ | yerely |
| Will's Hurst | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Ricus Parkar. | | |
| Will's Burser | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Will's Mondey | iiij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Ince. | | |
| Thomas Cogeyn. | | |
| Xpoferus Arrundell. | | |
| Ric'us Claxon | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Thomas Ryley. | | |
| Joh'es Dabson. | | |
| Roger Hewat | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Will's Kyrkman | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Raper. | | |
| Ric'us Flaxney. | | |
| Thomas Baylye | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Roppe | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |

*Consilium Commune.*

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|---|---|---|
| Thomas Foster. | | |
| Joh'es Maderston. | | |
| Robert Holbeche. | | |
| Will's Forest. | | |
| Thomas Twats | iiij$^{d}$ | yerely |
| Robert Germeyn | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Ray | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Henr' Colter | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Will's Bodyngton. | | |
| Joh'es Horer. | | |
| Joh'es Hawkyns | iiij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Westborne | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Redshawe | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Henricus Ordwey. | | |
| Mawrisus Vaughan. | | |
| Gerard Ploughe | iiij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Ric'us Ivery | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Andreas Burnatt | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Joh'es Smythe | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Thomas Wynckley | xij$^{d}$ | ,, |
| Jacobus Dodwell. | | |
| Abell Smythe. | | |
| Rogerus Taylour. | | |
| Joh'es Maylers | viij$^{d}$ | ,, |

Sm$^{a}$ tot for bothe yeres vij$^{li}$ xix$^{s}$, whyche ys lent to the use for purchasyng of londs, &c., and delyvered by Mr. Gunter and other key kepers.

A. 19.

1548, April 6. *John Forest.*

[John Forest the smythe to have to ferme a garden grounde on the sowthe syde of theste gate of the seyd Cytye, for xxj yeres.]

A. 20.

1548, April 6. *Thomas Wyncle.*

[Thomas Wynckely to have to ferme a lyttyll howse in Seynt Mychells parysshe, and a garden grounde yn Bocardo lane, for xxj yeres.] A. 20.

1548, April 6. *John Spencer.*

[John Spencer to have to ferme a garden grounde ageynst Excyter College, for xxj yeres.] A. 20.

[1548], April 18. *Letter concerning the College Schools, &c.*

After o^r^ most hartie recommendacions, with thanks alsoe for yo^r^ gentlnes and doeinge you to witt, that we may not but kindly consider yo^r^ good will borne to y^e^ Universitie as well as to your selves, and the rather for that it cometh of your owne motion, not of o^rs^, and where the sayd supplicacon is friendly, and therfor thought y^t^ the Mayor of Oxford should not send it, but that some other of the Universitie should send a counterfeitte. . . . . Geffrey hath signified to us that ye are desired to come up yourselfe, or els to send some other man with yo^r^ letters, signed with the armes of the Citie, who can well at large declare what commoditie it is to the Towne to have theyre sonns brought up in colledges at grammer, in the place of schollers or quiristers of colledges. And that he beate still into theyre heads that the cause of o^r^ supplicacion is as well for the avoydinge of displeasure to y^e^ Towne in tyme to come, as for the puttinge away of yo^r^ sonnes now or the removinge of them. This one thing we assure you that Geffrey hath bene verie diligent, and I thinke therefor that he is the more suspected to be sett up by the Universitie, yf you or he that shall come will enquire at our house, or the keeper theyre in o^r^ absence, who shall sende for us upon yo^r^ cominge here, we can declare unto you y^e^ knott of the matter, and give such instructions w^ch^ will sett yo^r^ matter forwarde more then wee will write of. In the meane tyme I wish you with yo^r^ company most hertily to farewell, desireinge God to sende us a good end to both o^r^ conforters, as well of the Towne as the Universitie. From London, in haste, the xviij^th^ of Aprill.

By yo^r^ owne assuredly,

WILLIAM STANDISHE,
JOHN REDMAYNE[46].

*Twyne*, iv. 92.

[46] This letter must refer to the petition of the Mayor and Burgesses of Oxford to the King printed on p. 196.

1548, April 26. *For Sowdyars.*

M^d that yt was agreed by thole Counsell holden the xxvj^th day of Aprell, yn the secound yere of the reygn of oure souereygn lord Kyng Edward the syxt, that Wyllyam Spencer, Rychard Whyttyngton, Thomas Mallyson, and Thomas Wyllyams, shall have the custody of xxiiij payer of harnes complete, wythe xxiiij sowards and xxiiij daggers, xij bowes and xij sheffs of arrowes, wythe vj other old payer of harnes; also that the foreseyd iiij men shall have yn ther custodye all suche money as ys gathered to that use onlye, to be yn a redynes at all tymes, yf nede requyer, to set forward the Towne sowdyars. And the seyd iiij men have receyvyd yn hand the some of xvij^li ix^s iiij^d. A. 20.

1547-8. *Hanasters admitted in the time of John Pye, Mayor; Richard Wyllyams and William Hurst, Chamberlains.* 1st *Ed. VI.* [*ending Mich.*, 1548].

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas Tanner. | Thomas Slye. | Thomas Fawknor. |
| John Hewat. | Richard Heynes. | John Cumber. |
| Michaell Coke. | John Jenkenson. | Nicholas Chapman. |
| James Hewat. | Richard Twaytes. | |

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1548, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Atkynson.

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Mallynson, William Tylcokke.

*Chamberlains*, { Richard Iverye, Abell Smythe.

*Council.*
John Bagwell,
Edward Ap Edwarde,
Henry Mall,
Nicholas Gybberde.

A. 82.

1549, May 19. *Coroner*, Richard Atkinson.

*Aldermen*, { Thomas Mallynson[47]. Ralph Flexeney, *loco* John Barry.

1548, Oct. 4. *Edmond Iryshe and Rychard Gunter.*

M^d that at a Councell holden the iiij^th of Octobre, the ij yere of the reigne of oure souereign lord Kyng Edward the vj^th, yt was decreed, that where a controversye was then dependyng betwene Edmond Irysshe and Rychard Gonter, Aldermen of the seyd Cytye, for the senyorytie of the same Aldermanshypp, that ys to wete, where

[47] Probably in the place of John Pye.

the seyd Rychard Gonter was furst elected Alderman by the space of ij yeres, and the seyd Edmond Irysshe was furst elected Mayar and contynuyed thoffyce of Mayraltye by the space of ij yeres togethers, and imedatly after the seyd Rychard Gunter was elected Mayar, and contynued also thoffyce of Mayraltye by the space of other ij yeres together, after whyche ij yeres expyred the seyd controversye began. And after good deliberate advyce and respecte theryn of convenyent tyme, and uppon the syght of testymonyalls yn such dowghts, there then showed and perceyvyde that the seyd Edmond Irysshe, by reason of his Mayraltye furst elected, shall from hensforthe shall have use and exercyse the senyoryte of thaldermanshypp at all tymes and yn all placys. A. 20.

1548, Oct. 4. *John Westborn.*

[John Westborn dyschargyd from the office of Chamberleynshypp, paying vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ of good and laufull money to the use of the city.]

The compounding for offices would appear to have been the custom of the City from early times; so far as the records are extant, one of the first entries is the compounding for the office of Chamberlain by William Frere. The following indenture for John Westborn's composition remains amongst the City records.

Thys indentur, made the iiij day of Octobre, yn the seconde yere of the reygn of oure sovereygn lorde Edwarde the vj, by the grace of Godd of Inglond, Fraunce, and Ireland Kyng, defendour of the faythe, and yn yearthe of the Churche of Inglond and Irelond supreme hedd, betwene Rychard Atkynson, Mayar of the Cyty of Oxford; John Pye, Edmond Irysshe, Rychard Gonter, and Raffe Flaxney, Aldermen; Thomas Mallynson and Wyllyam Tylcock, Baylyes; Rychard Ivery and Abell Smythe, Chamberleyns; and the Burgesses and Comynalte of the seyd Cyty on theon party; and John Westborn, of the seyd Cyty of Oxford, carpenter, on thother partye; wytnessythe, that the seyd Mayar, Aldermen, Baylyes, Chamberleys, Burgesses, and Comynalte aforeseyd, have wythe theyre on assent and concent frely geven and graunted unto the seyd John Westborn, for and uppon certeyn concyderacons, that the seyd John Westborn shalbe dyscharged for and from thoccupyeng, exercysyng, or usyng thoffyce of Chamberleynshypp of thys Cyty, and shall have place and rome, and hys wyff also, as and wythe the Chamberleyns, accordyng to the senyoryte of admyssyon yn all places wythyn the seyd Cyty; and in concyderacon thereof the seyd

John Westborn hathe frely geven and graunted unto th'use of the seyd Cyty vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ of good and lawfull money of Inglond, to be payde at the feast of Seynt Mychell tharchaungell nexte ensuyng the date hereof, uppon the condycon and intents ensuyng, that ys to wete, the seyd summa of vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ yerely to be delyvered at the day and tyme of the elleccon of the Chamberleyns, as sone as they shalbe elected. To have and to hold to them for that present yere insuyng, uppon that condycon and intent that they and every of theym shall delyver betwen them the seyd summa of vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ unto the Chamberleyns then next to be elected, at the seyd day and tyme of theyre eleccon, wythowt any further delaye, and thys yerely to be used and payde from Chamberleyns to Chamberleyns, that is to wete, from the olde unto the newe successyvely for ever, and never to be ymployde nor used to no other use; and yf yt be otherwyse used then ys aboveseyde, that then the seyde John Westborn and hys heyres shall have and enyoy the seyd summa of vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$, and thys ys ratyfyed, confyrmed, and agreed by the same Councell the same day and yere above wrytten. In wytnesse wherof to thone parte of these indentures remaynyng wythe the seyd Mayar, Aldermen, Baylyffs, Chamberleyns, Burgesses, and Comynalte aforeseyd, the seyd John Westborn hathe sett hys seale, and to thother parte thereof remaynyng wythe the seyd John the sayde Mayar, Aldermen, Baylyffes, Chamberleyns, Burgeses, and Comynalte aforeseyd have sett theyre comon seale of the seyde Cyty. Yeven at Oxford aforeseyd the day and yere above wrytten.

*City Records.*

*William Jones alias Baker.*

[William Jones alias Baker to have an annuyte of xx$^{s}$ for his lyfe.]

A. 20 b.

1548, Oct. 4. *Augustyn Kyrke.*

[At the specyall labore of Augustyn Kyrke, cowper, yt ys agreed by thole Councell that the sam Augustyn shall have to fferme a tenement and a garden grounde to the same, appertenyng under the Guylde hall yn the parrysshe of Seynt Martens, except and reserved oon howse called a kechyn, the cowrte, and the oon halfe of the garden for xxj yeres.] A. 21 b.

1548, Oct. 14. *Sums subscribed for Dame Margaret Nothern's cofer.*

At a Councell holden the xiiij day of Octobre the seyd second yere of oure soverigne lord Kyng Edward the vj$^{th}$ at the mocyon of Mr. Atkynson, then beyng Mayer of the Cytye of Oxford, yt

was wyllyngly agreed, and every person frely condyscendyd to geve a certen somm of money to the mayntenaunce of a cofur called dame Margaret Northorns cofur, to be ymployed to such use and yntent as the seyd Margaret wylled yn hur last wyll and testament, whose names hereafter insuew wythe the sommes of money pertycularly by theym yeven.

*Custodes Clavium.*

Mr. Gunter.
Mr. Whyttyngton.
Mr. Cogeyn.
John Redshaw.

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| Master Akynson, Mayar | xl$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Pye, Alderman | iiij$^{s}$ |
| Mr. Irysshe, Alderman | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Gunter, Alderman | xl$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Flaxney | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Brydgeman | ij$^{s}$ |
| Mr. Wylmon | ij$^{s}$ |
| Mr. Mallynson | xvj$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Tylkokk. | |
| Mr. Plomer | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Hawkyns | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Lambe | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Leeke | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Spencer | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Hynton | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Jamys | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Frewen | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Elmes | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Whyttyngton | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Walkelyn | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Payne | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Wylliams | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Garton. | |
| Mr. Paine. | |
| Master Wayte | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Todd | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Freurs | xij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Howell. | |
| Mr. Dewe. | |

*Camerarii.*

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| Ric'us Ivery | viij$^{d}$ |
| Abell Smythe | viii$^{d}$ |
| Ric'us Parkar. | |
| Will'us Kyrse | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Will'us Mondy | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Ince. | |
| Thomas Cogeyn | viij$^{d}$ |
| Xpofer Arundell. | |
| Ric'us Claxon | viij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Ryley | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Dobson | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Will'us Tovye. | |
| Roger Hewett | viij$^{d}$ |
| Will'us Kyrkman | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Will'us Pantre | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Raper. | |
| Joh'es Wells | viij$^{d}$ |
| Ric'us Flaxney | viij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Bayly | viij$^{d}$ |
| John Roppe | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Ric'us Wyllyams | viij$^{d}$ |
| Wyll'us Hurste | iiij$^{d}$ |

*Concilium Commune.*

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|---|---|
| Thomas Foster. | |
| Joh'es Madderston | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Robert Holbekk. | |
| Will'us Forest. | |
| Thomas Twayte | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Robert Jermeyn. | |
| Joh'es Raye | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Will'us Bodenton | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Hore | viij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Hawkyns | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Westborne | viij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Redshawe | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Henr' Hordwey | viij$^{d}$ |
| Mauric' Vaghen | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Jerard Ploughe. | |
| Andreas Burnet | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Joh'es Smythe | iiij$^{d}$ |

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| Thomas Wynkley . . | iiij$^{d}$ | Henr. Mall. | |
| Jacobus Dodwell . . | iiij$^{d}$ | Edwarde Apedwarde . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Roger Taylour. | | Joh'es Bagwell. | |
| Joh'es Maylers . . | iiij$^{d}$ | | A. 20 b. |

*For the Fayer late called Fryswyds fayer.*

Item, the same day and place yt was concorded and assented by the seyd Councell that M$^{r}$. Gunter, M$^{r}$. Mallynson, and M$^{r}$. Elmes shall sue forthe and opteyne the Kyngs maiesty his letters pattents under his greate seale for and concernyng the fayer late called ffryswyde ffayer. A. 21.

[1548.] *A supplicacion for Townesmens Children.*

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAT$^{y}$.

In most humble wise sheweth unto your majesty, your most humble and boulden orators the Mayor, Burgesses, and Comminaltie of your Citie of Oxford, that where your heighnes nowe of late appoynted certayne persons by your commission under your great seale to be commissioners of your Universitie of Oxford, to establish and order certayne statuts, ordinances, injunctions, and rules tobee observed of all and singulare students as well in the Universitie affor sayd as any colledge hall and howses of learninge whatsoever they be beinge within the sayd Universitye, and farther in certayne other matters to doe any thinge or things, act or acts, as to them should sheeme most expedient and convenient for the lively mantaynance, furtherance, and increase of vertue and learninge. So it is most excellent and mercifull Prince that where your sayd poore oratours have allwayes had, received and enioyed by the meanes of your Colledges founded by your graces most noble progenitors singulare treasure, helpe, and comoditie for the education of theyre sonnes, and in especiallie the more parte of us beinge not otherwise able to bringe up o$^{r}$ children in good learninge, and to finde them at grammar, whereby they may happily in tyme to come attayne to heigher knowledge of the liberall sciences of Gods holy worde without the ayd and helpe of the Colledges trayninge our children in good letters, some beinge called schollers of the howses, and some called quiristers and yet learninge theyre grammer, yo$^{r}$ sayd commissioners by virtue of the affor sayd commission to them dutied for the increase of vertue and learninge, have amonge other injunctions unknowen to your sayd orators ordayned, decreed, and appoynted that none shalbe founde at grammer nor remayne

quirister within your sayd Universitie at the chardges of any colledge, whereby there be in danger to be cast out of some colledge thirtie, some other xl. or l., some other more or fewer, and the most parte of them children of your sayd poore oratours, haveinge of the sayd colledge meate, drinke, cloth, and lodginge, and were verie well brought up in learninge in the common grammer schoole at the colledge of St. Marie Magdalen, and so went forward and attayned to logicke and other faculties at the chardges of the sayd colledge, and likwise of other howses, and litle or nothinge at the chardge of theyre parents, after theyre admission into any of the sayd colledges, wch thinge hath alwayes heretofore bine a great succoure unto or sayd poore oratours. And now an utter undoeinge to the heavie discomforte of us and of our posteritie, and deminishinge of our Universitie, and the decayinge thereof, unlesse it may please your heighnes of your passinge clemencie to call backe the sayd injunction as well for the continuance of this only schoole of all the shire as for the bringinge up of our children, and or posterities as is affor sayd; in consideracion whereof pleaseth it your aboundante goodness with the advice of our most honorable Councell the prmisses tenderly and graciously considered. To take some godly order for the educacion of or children, and especiallie of theynes which otherwyse then by helpe of the Colledge be not able to finde them as to your grace shall seeme most expedient to the honor of God, laude and prayse of your maties, the releefe and conforte of your sayd orators in this behalfe, and your sayd orators shall dayly pray to Almightie God for your most royall estate with your most honorable councell in heigh honor and felicitie longe to endure. *Twyne*, iv. 44.

1548, Dec. 12. *Presentation to St. Martin's Church.*

[Henry Haye presented to the Church of St. Martin, on the resignation of Roger Owen.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1548/9, Feb. 12. *Lease to John Spencer.*

[John Spencer to have a lease of a house in Seynt Mary parishe for xxj yeres.]

*The Keper of Bukkardo.*

[Richard Terryke now beyng keper of the gaole called Bukkardo, and so whosoever shalbe keper for the tyme beyng shall have oon tent sett and lyeng at the northgate called the pyhowse, paying yerely xxs.]

*Rychard Ivery.*

[Richard Ivery to have a lease of a tenement in St. Marten's parish, late in the tenure of William Jones.]

*John Deacons.*

[Yt was decreed that John Deacons shall have yerely from hensforthe xl$^{d}$ for the ryngyng of the common bell.] A. 21 b.

1549, June 27. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.*

[John Bryeylbanke presented by Gregory Stonynge of Lichfield to the church of St. Mary Magdalen, on the resignation of William Huske.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1549, June 29. *An Order concerning the payment to the Almsmen of St. Bartholomew.*

Uppon complaint made to the Lord Protectors grace by the Mayo$^{r}$ and his brethern the Aldermen of Oxford that the Bayliffs of the said Towne, who by thauncient custome uppon the proffitts and comodities of their office had alwayes payd yerely to Oriall Colledge the som of xix$^{li}$ towards the sustentation of certen almesfolke, did now refuse to pay the same somme, alleging the proffitts growing to them by their baylywicks to be so decayed as they could not levye the same. In w$^{ch}$ refusall if they shuld persist and no order mayd for present paym$^{t}$, the said Mayor and the Corporacion of the Town should incurre the daunger of forfayture of CC$^{li}$, wherin they be bound for performance of the sayd yerely payment of xix$^{li}$, and for that as a member of their fee farme they be also bound to make a instaumpt in thexchequer uppon payne of their ordinarye. The L. protector having as well the said Mayor oon of his brethern as oon of the Bayliffs before him hath decreyd first, for saving of their said forfaiture, that the Bayliffs now being shall for this tyme pay the said arrerages dew. And that for the tyme to com the Mayor and Corporacion of Oxford shall either by contribucion gather so muche money as may p$^{r}$chace lands that shall yerely supply so muche as the Bailiffs shall not be able to levye, and receive towards the payment of the said yerely sume of nyneteene pounds, or ells give order for taxacion yerely to be be made w$^{th}$in the Towne of the supply afforsaid. To be equaly borne amonge the townesmen of the same as they may for their porcions beare it, and the meaning of the said L. protectors grace is, that in no

wise the poore lack their allotted som ne the Bayliffs charged w^th^ more then they shalbe able to gather and obteyn towards payment of the same, and therefore hath ordered and decreyd as aforesaid.

*P. C. Registers*, ii. 542.

1549, July 22. *A Grant to the City of St. Frideswide's Fair.*

[Letters patent, dated at Westminster, 22 July, 3 Ed. VI., being a grant from the King to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Oxford, of the fair known as St. Frideswide's fair, with its appurtenances, to be held on St. Frideswide's day, and for the space of fifteen days after.] *Vellum Book*, I., p. 126.

1549, Sept. 16. *What Proffitts and Incumbs are due to the Bailiffs and for howlding and upon what conditions. For that the Baylis shall nott have the Mylls hensforthe.*

M^d^ that the xvj daye of Septembre, yn the thurd yere of the reygn of our souereign lord Kyng Edward the vj^th^, yt was enacted, concluded, and agreed by the Mayer, Aldermen and thole Councell of the Cyty of Oxford, wythe the concent of the more parte of the inhabytaunts of the same, that the Balyffes of Oxford for the tyme beyng shall have, take, and enjoy towards the payment of the Kyngs ffee farme all perquysytts of courts, as weyff, straye, ffelons goods, customs, tolls, tangables, and all other profytts and advauntages incydent or apperteynyng to the seyd offyce of Bayly wyke yn as large and ample manner as any persons heretofore have hadd, or lawfully mought have perceyved or used, except all tolles, customes, profytts, and advauntages apperteynyng, commyng, or growyng of that, one halff of the mylls called the Castell mylls belongyg to the seyd Cyty, whyche tolles, customs, profytts, and advauntages the Mayar and Comynalte of the seyd Cyty shall have, take, and perceyve to thuse of the hole body of the seyd Cyty yn as large and ample maner as the same were wont to be perceyved and taken by the Balyffes of the seyd Cyty. And forasmoche as the Balyffes of the seyd Cyte for the tyme beyng were wont to have and enjoy the seyd profytts of the seyd mylls towards the payment of the seyd ffee fferme. In concyderatyon therof hyt ys further enacted, concluded, and agreed by thassents and concents aforeseyd that the Balyffes for the tyme beyng shall so long and for that tyme that the seyd fferme shalbe payed yn suche sorte as yt hathe bene accustomed, have xx^li^ of good and lawful money of Inglond yerely payed unto theym at two termes of the yere usually, that ys to wete, at the ffeasts of thannuncyacon of oure

lady and Seynt Mychell tharchaungell, by even porcions for and toward the payment of the seyd ffee farme, to be payd by thands of the key kepers of the seyde Cytye for the tyme beyng. And further hyt ys enacted and concluded that for the concyderatyon aforeseyd the seyd Bylyffes and there successours for ever hereafter shalbe exonerated and dyschargyd of, for, and from the payment of xix$^{li}$ heretofore yerely accustomyd to be payed by the Baylyffes of the seyd Cytye for the tyme beyng unto the Provest and Scolers of Oryell College yn the Unyversyte of Oxford, whyche xix$^{li}$ shalbe from hensforthe payed by the Mayer and Comynalte of the seyd Cytye, provyded alwey that yf the fe ferme of the seyd Cytye happen hereafter to be relessed or dymynysshed, that then uppon the relessyng or dyscharge of the hole ffee ferme the payment of the seyd yerely som of xx$^{li}$ to ces, and uppon the demynysshyng thereof the seyd som of xx$^{li}$ to be defalked, accordyng to the rate and porcon of the dymynysshyng and abrygment of the seyd ffe ferme. Thys acte, conclusyon, and order to take effect from hensforthe and to contynewe for ever. A. 23.

1549, Sept. 28. *Thomas Foster.*

[Thomas Foster discharged from the offices of Chamberleyn and Bayliff, paying vj$^{li}$ sterling.] A. 22 b.

1548-9. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Atkynson, Mayor; Richard Ivery and Abell Smythe, Chamberlains.* 2 *Edw. VI.* [*ending Michaelmas,* 3 *Edw. VI.*]

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| Thomas Heycokk. | John Webe. |
| John Russell. | Henry Godstowe. |
| Richard Brokes. | Thomas Pemerton. |
| John Clynche. | John Davys. |
| Christopher Taylour. | William Messenger. |
| Richard Morys. | Thomas Hynton. |
| Andrew Rycott, shomaker. | John Hyll. |
| George Fylby. | Nicholas Dey. |
| Robert Towe. | Baldwyn Smythe. |
| Henry Chypman. | John Reynolds. |

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1549, Sept. 29.

*In a Chamberlain's account, anno* 3$^{rd}$ *Edw. VI.*

Item, from the profits of the fairs lately called Frydyswyde fayre beyond reprises . . . . x$^{li}$ xij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Item, from the profits of the fairs called Austyn fayre beyond reprises . . . . . 58s 7d

Item, received from William Tylcoke, late one of the Bailiffs, in part payment of the fee farme, according to the tenor of an Act of Parliament of our lord the King for releasing the fee farme . . . . . xli

*Twyne*, xxiii. 627.

1549, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Atkynson.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Roger Hewet, William Kyrkman. | *Council.* Andrew Rycott, Richard Prestwodd. John Fyllypps, Bartram Lant, Thomas Marche. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Edward App Edward, Thomas Furse. | |

A. 83.

1549, Oct. 6. *Andrew Rycott.*

[Andrew Rycote pays iijs iiijd to be discharged from the office of Constable.]

*Bartram Lant.*

[Bartram Lant pays iijs iiij to be discharged from the office of Constable.] A. 23.

*John Hore.*

[John Hore discharged from the offices of Chamberlain and Bailiff upon payment of vjli to the use of the City.] A. 23.

*John Symson.*

[John Symson discharged from the offices of Chamberlain and Bailiff upon payment of vjli xiijs iiijd to the use of the City.] A. 23.

1549, Oct. 16. *Dame Margarett Northerns Cofur.*

Md at a Councell holden the xvj daye of Octobre, yn the thurd yere of the reign of our souereign lorde Kyng Edward the vj, yt was enacted, concluded, and agreed by the Mayer, Aldermen, and thole Councell of thys Cytye, that where heretofore yt hathe ben accustomed that no person nor persons should borrow any som of money of the keye kepers forthe of the cofur called Dame Margaret Northerns cofur wythowte a suffycient causyon or gage yn bullyon, that the seyd custom notwythstondyng yt shalbe lawfull from hensforthe at all tymes to all and every person and persons beyng fre of the guyld of the corporacion of thys Cytye whyche shall have nede, and wyll

repayre to the seid Mayar and key kepers for the tyme beyng, and to theym wyll fynd suffycyent suertye to be bounde to theym by bill oblygacon for the repayment of such som of money as he shall demaund, so yt extend not above the som of xl$^{s}$ to oon person, to have the same som yn occupyeng unto suche tyme as the seyd Mayar and key kepers wyll appoynt, so yt be repayde at there accompt to be made to the use and behoffe of the body of the corporacion of the seyd Cytye, and that the seyd key kepers shall yerely make there accompts of thole som of money yn forme aboveseyd apperteyning to the seyd cofur. A. 23 b.

1549, Oct. 16. *William Jones.*

[Wylliam Jones to be discharged from paying vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ rent due to the Corporacion.] A. 23 b.

1549, Nov. 11. *Admission of the Mayor's Son for a Gilt Penny.*

Robertus Atkynson filius Ric'i Atkynson supradicti intravit libertatem xj$^{mo}$ die Novembris anno tercio D'ni Regis supradicti per unum denarium argenti et deaurat' per consuetudinem dicte Civitatis et in presentia consilii predict' civitatis solut' tamen jurament' ejus non adhuc accipit pro ut moris est quia predict' Robert tempore predict' se infra etatem, &c. *Hanasters*, 229.

1549/50, Feb. 9. *Presentation to the Church of St. Ebbe.*

[Ralph Rudd presented by the Crown to the church of Saint Ebbe, on the death of Thomas Dobson.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1550, May 12. *Water Bailiffs' Court.*

Court of the Water Bailiffs, from Sandford fery as far as the bridge called Newbrydge, held there, 12 May, 4 Ed. vj, before Richard Atkynson, Mayor of the City of Oxford, and one of the justices of the peace of our Lord the King, &c., and William Frewen, deputy Water Bailiff, &c.

This contains nothing besides the names of the 14 jurymen.

*Twyne*, xxiii. 612.

1550, Sept. 26. *For Purchasyng of Londys.*

M$^{d}$ att a Counsell holdyn the xxvj$^{th}$ daye of Septembre, the iiij yere of the rayne of Kynge Edward the vj$^{th}$, itt was agreyd by Rychard Attkynson, Mayre, and the hole Counsell of the Cytty of Oxford, thatt thes persons whos nams folowyth, and every of them

joyntly and severally, ar actorysed by the sayd Mayre and Counsell to sell a sartayne of plate delyveryd into the hands of Edward Glymton, X°far Hawckyns, William Thomas, and Rychard Whyttynton, and the mony therof to bestowe appon land as they shall thynck most beste for the behoffe and profett of the Towne; the names of them that ar actorysyd to sell thes plate and to byy the lande ther w^ch^ ar thes: John Brygman, Thomas Lambe, Nycolas Todd, Willyam Tylcoke, William Spenser, Edward Glymton, X°far Hawckyns, John Wells, William Frewyn, William Pantre, William Kyrsse. A. 23 b.

1549-50. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Atkynson, Mayor; Edward ap Edward and Thomas Furse, Chamberlains.* 3 *Ed. VI.* [*ending Michaelmas,* 4 *Ed. VI.*]

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| Richard Browne. | Thomas Rawlyns. |
| Richard Fallowes. | Henry Mylwarde. |
| Richard Gybbons. | John Johnson, cooke. |
| Richard Wyat, bocher. | Thomas Allnot. |
| Thomas Norres. | Simon Maryett, hosyer. |
| John Redshawe. | Henry Cleter, barbour. |
| Robert Atkynson. | Robert Allen, cutler. |
| Brian Cartwryght. | Christofer Stavesaker. |
| Richard Marshe. | William Horetoppe. |
| Fabian Humfrey. | William Strowde. |

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1550, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Edmund Irysshe.

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| *Bailiffs,* | Richard Willyams, | *Council.* |
| | Richard Flaxney. | Thomas Tanner, |
| *Chamberlains,* | Richard Prestwodd, | John Forest, |
| | John Fyllyppys. | Robert Frewen. |

A. 84.

1550, Oct. 8. *Thomas Tanner.*

[Thomas Tanner admitted to be of the Common Council of this Cytye, and paid iij^s^ iiij^d^ to be released from the office of Constable.

*John Forest and Leonard Gratelyff.*

John Forest and Leonard Gratelyff admitted to the same Councell, and payde iij^s^ iiij^d^ each.] A. 24.

1550, Feb. 3. *John Roppe.*

[John Roppe to have the ground under the Towne wall wytheowte the northe gate of the Cytye, unto the hole yn the seyd wall, levyng a suffycyent wey by the space of xl foote or there about, for xxj years.] A. 24.

1550-1. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Edward Irysshe, Mayor; Richard Prestwodd and John Fyllyppys, Chamberlains.* 4 *Ed. VI.* [*ending Michaelmas*, 1551.]

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| Henry Tryplade. | Thomas Tatam. |
| John Sutton. | Thomas Haford. |
| Walter Pytts, *alias* Walter Boner. | Thomas Smalpage. |
| John Owen. | Richard Edgys. |
| John Wolsey, ffysshemonger. | John Davys. |
| Robert Wyllyams. | Thomas Smythe. |
| Edward Banaster. | Andrew Meryott. |

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1551, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Ralph Flaxney.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Thomas Bayly, Abell Smythe. | *Council.* Henry Bolton, Cuthbert Underwood. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Thomas Haford, Thomas Wynkley. | |

A. 85.

1551, Oct. 6. *William Tylcokk and John Wayte for the Fayers.*

M^d at a Councell holden the vj^th day of Octobre, yn the v^th yere of the reigne of our souereign lord Kyng Edward the vj^th, yt ys agreyd by the Mayar, Aldermen, Baylyes, and the Comon Councell of thys Cytye, that Wylliam Tylkokk and John Wayte shall have the oversyght and charge of the raparacions of the howses of the blewe bore, and all other howses and standyngs of bothe the ffayers, that ys to wett Frydyswyde ffayer and Austen ffayer, and all other necessaryes as pooles, bords, and other thyngs nedefull and apperteynyng to the seid stondyngs, and also shall levye, gather, and receyve the rents, revenues, and proffytts rysyng, comyng, and growyng yerely for and of the same ffayers, and therof make yerely accompte and accompts at suche tyme and unto suche persons as Master Mayar for the tyme beyng shall name and appoint, to thonly use and behoff of thole body of the seyd Cytye. A. 24.

1551, Oct. 12. *Thordre for the admyssion of Fremen.*

M^d at a Councell holden the xij daye of Octobre, yn the fyft yere of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward the vj^th, by the grace of Godd Kyng of Inglond, Fraunce, and Irelond, defender of the fayth, and yn yerthe of the Churche of Inglond and also of Irelond supreme hedd, yt ys enacted, concluded, and agreed by the Mayar, Aldermen, Baylyes, Chamberleyns, and thole Councell of the Cytye of Oxford,

wyth the concent of the more parte of thenhabytants of the seyd Cytye for thordre of admyssion of ffremen from hensforthe ynto the guyld and lyberty of thole body of the seyd Cyty of Oxford yn maner and forme as insuythe that ys to wete.

ffirst, that no manner of persone nor persons whyche hathe nott ben prentyce and served hys hoole terme wythe a freman and burges of thys Cytye of Oxford shall not be fre, nor inyoye the lyberty of the same Cyty, nor no parte therof, under the som' of ffyve pounds iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ of laufull money of Inglond, but upwards as the seyd Mayar and Councell shall from tyme agre uppon, whyche som of v$^{li}$ and so upwards agreed uppon to be payde to thuse and behoff of thole bodye and corporacion of the seyd Cytye, and to have a copye of his ffredome and admyssyon forthwythe.

Item, the seyd som of iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ to be payd as hereafter followythe, that ys to say to Master Mayar for the tyme beyng for settyng to the seale of hys offyce to the seyd copye xvj$^{d}$, to the two Chamberleyns for the yere iiij$^{d}$ a pece, to the Towne Clarke for wrytyng the same copye xvj$^{d}$, to the Mayar's serjaunt iiij$^{d}$, to the Bayles serjaunts iiij$^{d}$ a pece, and to the cryar ij$^{d}$.

Item, the seyd som of v$^{li}$ iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ to be payde before the othe be geven to any person or persons so comyng to be fre, and before hys he be admytted to be a freman of the seyd guyld.

Item, that the seyd person and persons that wyll be fre of the seyd guyld shall furste before he or they be admytted to be fre, desyer the good wyll of the crafte or occupacion that he or they wyll fre of, and paye unto theym x$^{s}$ and a brekefaste for hys admyssyon ynto the seyd crafte or occupacion; and the seyd person and persons to be presented by the Master and the seyd craft or occupacion, and the seyd person and persons to be presented by the Master and Wardens, or some two or iij persons of the seyd occupacon to the Mayar and Councell of the seyd Cytye, and there by an eleccion to be admytted a freman of the seyd guyld and a burges or cytyzyn of the seyd Cytye, payeng the seyd v$^{li}$ iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$, or a more som as before ys specyfyed wythowt any further delay, and no suerty nor suertyes to be taken for or yn respect or delay of payment therof, provydyd allwey that yf the seyd Master and Wardens wyll not present suche person and persons so suyng to be fre, that then the seyd person and persons may and shall come unto the Chamberleyns for the tyme beyng, and they to present hym or theym to the seyd Mayar and Councell yn manner and forme above seyde.

Item, that every prentyce servyng hys master the hole terme of vij yeres or more accordyng to hys covenants expressyd yn hys indenturs, well and truly as a prentyce owght to do, shall at thend

of the same terme be presentyd by hys master and ij of thoccupacion that he ys of unto Master Mayar for the tyme beyng, or his depute, yn the Guyld hall att the court tyme, and the seyd prentyce there yn the face of the court to be sworne and made fre of the guyld of the seyd Cytye, and to paye for the copye of hys fredom iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ forthwythe wythowt any further delay, as before ys seyd.

Item, that every suche prentyce when he ys presentyd to be free, as ys afore sayd, hys master shall furst and before he be sworne and admytted to be fre, declare uppon hys othe that he hathe taken at hys furst entre ynto the seyd guyld, whether hys seyd prentyce hathe servyd hym the full terme of vij yeres or more, accordyng to hys covenants expressyd yn hys indenturs as a prentyce owght to do or nott, and yf hys master deposyth that the seyd prentyce hathe so served hym the terme aforesayd, and the same also beyng provyd by the records of hys inrollyng and inrollment, then he the same prentyce to be forthwythe sworn and admyttyd as before ys declared. And yf hys seyd master deposythe that he hathe not served hym hys holl terme, and so beyng als proved by the records, that then the seid prentyce not to be sworne nor admytted untyll he hathe served the resydew and thole terme of hys yeres, provydyd allwey that yf any apprentyce do hereafter go or ron awey from hys master that then hys master shall wythyn ij dayes then next insuyng certyfye the Master and Wardens of the same occupacion, or to the Towne Clarke for the tyme beyng, and theruppon they to inroll the day and tyme of hys goyng awey, and yn lyke maner to do for hys comyng ageyn; provydydyd also that yf any master happen to decesse havyng a prentyce or prentyces and there yeres not endyd, or do not occupye or use the same occupacon afterwards, that then suche prentyce and prentyces shall and may resort unto the Master and Wardens of y$^{e}$ same occupacon, or to M$^{r}$. Mayar for the tyme beyng, and they to assygne hym a man expert yn the same occupacion wyth the concent of the seyd apprentyce, and wyth hym to serve forthe the resydue of hys terme, and the same master wythe the Wardens of the same occupacion at the yeres ende to present and cause to be made fre the same prentyce or apprentyces, as before ys mencyoned and no oth$^{r}$wyse.

Item, that every person hereafter intendyng to be fre of the seyd guyld and to set upp any occupacion yn the same Cyty, and dothe not inhabytt wythyn thys Cytye and kepe howshold yn the same at that tyme present, shall before he be sworne and admytted be bounde or fynd suertyes that he shall wythyn thre monethes then next insuyng at the furdest have a howse and famyly, and inhabyte wythyn the same Cytye or suburbes therof, or at the least a chamber

wythyn the howse of som freman inhabytyng yn the same Cytye, wheryn he shall have contynually remeynyng a cofur or chest, and theryn at all tymes to the som or value of xl$^{s}$ yn money or money worthe. And the same to be taxable at alltymys to suche taxe and tallenge as shall be uppon hym taxed and sessyd accordyng as other inhabytants of the seyd Cytye be for any maner of payments accordyng to the custom of the seyd Cytye, and yf any do at any tyme or tymes hereafter to the contrary herof, that then he and they and every suche of theym to be forthwythe dysfranchesed, and from thensforthe to inyoy no parte of the lyberty nor fredom of the seyd Cytye whether he hathe ben prentyce wythyn the same Cytye or not; provydyd allwey and be yt also enacted that every persone yn whose howse such cofur, chest, or goods shalbe lefte shall paye from tyme to tyme suche some and somes of money as the owner of suche cofur, chest, and goods shall from tyme to tyme be assessed att, takeyng a quyttance of the collector and collectors that shall be assygned to collecte and gather the same, purportyng to what purpose the seyd som and soms of money were payd for; provydyd also and be yt enacted that no forene burgesse shall have any benyfyte or profytt by hys fredom aslong and duryng the tyme that he dothe not inhabytt wythyn the lyberty of the seyd Cytye by any maner of meane, toll called thorowgh toll onely excepted. And be yt also consented and enacted that yf any persone hereafter at any tyme do interpryse to set upp yn the seyd Cytye to occupye any crafte or occupacion before he be fre of the guyld therof, accordyng as before ys specyed, and ther uppon have warnyng to surcesse and leff hys occupyeng by the Chamberleyns for the tyme beyng, or the Master or Wardens of thoccupacion that he intendyth to occupye, except suche as by acte of Parlyament ys enacted and concluded, that then the same person and persons so afterwards offendyng shall forfeyte and pay to thuse of the body of thys seyd Cytye for every daye so occupyeng iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$.

Item, that yf any person or persons, as well apprentysesse as other, beyng so dysfraunchesed for the payment of the som or soms of money of or for not havyng suffycyent chest, cofur, and goods as before ys seyd, and afterward do sue to be fre ageyn of the seyd Cytye, that then the same person and persons whyche so hathe offended shall demed and adjudged as a foryner or straunger, and shall not otherwyse be elected and admytted yn any poynt. And yf he wyll desyer and sue so to be fre ageyn, then to paye v$^{li}$ iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$, or a more som of money, yn maner and forme above declared, and no otherwyse.

Item, that every freman whyche hereafter shall be made fre shall have a copye of hys fredom, as before ys seyd; and havyng the same

yt shall be laufull for hym to have oon of hys sonnes fre of the guyld of the seyd Cytye yn maner and forme followyng, and no mo, that is to wete, that every suche person havyng a son of thage of xxj yeres, or above, may present hym before Master Mayer for the tyme beyng at the court tyme, or hys depute, and there as well the ffather as the son, desyryng that he may be fre of the guyld of the seyd Cytye shall there yn the face of the court pay iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$, to be dystrybuted as before ys seyd, and theruppon then and there to be sworne and admytted a freman.

Item, every freman havyng mo sons than oon yt shall be lawfull unto hym yn lyke maner to present theym or as many of theym as he shall thynke good at suche tyme as they be of thage aforeseyd, and then and there payeng the som of ix$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ forthewythe, to thuse and behoff of the bodye of the seyd Cytye, and also the seyd som of iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$, to be dystrybuted as before ys declared, shall then and there be sworne and be admytted fre of the seyd guyld, and not otherwyse, provydyd allwey that every Mayar for the tyme beyng may make oon of hys sons beyng named at that tyme fre of the seyd guyld for a guylt peny, accordyng to the auncyent custome of thys Cytye.

Item, that no person nor persons shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter be admytted to be fre of the seyd guyld by any kynsman that ys or hathe ben fre of the same otherwyse than before ys wrytten.

Item, that no freman of thys seyd guyld not inhabytyng thys Cytye shall make any prentyce or prentyses servyng hym to be fre of thys guylde by force of thys acte but that all suche apprentyce and apprentyces shalbe demyd and adjudged as a foryner and foryners, and not otherwyse to be admytted.

Item, that no alyen beyng a denyson or not denyson shall injoy the lyberty or fredom of thys Cytye, nor be admytted fre of the same.

Item, yf yt happen the Mayar of thys Cytye or Town for the tyme beyng, hys deputy or deputes, or any other person or persons to swere, admytt, and make fre any foryner otherwyse then of y$^{e}$ eleccon of the Mayar and thole Councell of the seyd Cytye or Towne for the tyme beyng, and as before ys declared, or swere, admytt, or make fre any person that ben apprentyce or fremans son otherwyse then before yn lyke manner for them ys also before mencyoned, that then the partyes so offendyng and every of theym shall forfeytte and paye to thuse and behoff of thole body of the sayd Cytye or Town for every suche offence v$^{li}$ of good and laufull money of Inglond, and to re-delyver all suche som and soms of money to the partye and partyes so admytted, all suche som

and soms of money as were receyvyd and hadd of the partye and partyes so admytted. And that the seyd partye and partyes so admytted, nor any of theym, to take no benefytt of fredom of the seyd guylde by the same admyssyon so made and done contrary to thordre aboveseyd, whyche seyd som of v^li^ to be payd to thands of the Key Kepers to thuse of the hole body of the seyd Cytye, for thoffence so comytted contrary to thys acte, yn maner and forme above declared at the next Councell to be holden then. Imedyatly suche offence done and for non-payment therof that then yt shall be laufull unto the persons of the Councell then present at suche Councell to comaund the seyd person and persons to warde untyll the seyd som of v^li^ be well and truly payd to thuse and behoff aboveseyd, yf suche offence be don by any other person than by the Mayar for the tyme beyng. And yf suche offence or offences be comytted and done by the Mayar for the tyme beyng, that then for the non-payment of the seyd v^li^ by hym to be payd for the same offence, yt shall not be laufull to comyt to ward nor otherwyse to molest or entrepryse to vex the seyd Mayar for the tyme beyng duryng hys mayaralty, but yet nevertheless the same offence nor offences to be remytted, but the same offence to be extendyd and effecte ageynst at the next Councell, imedyatly after that he shalbe forthe of seyd offyce of Mayaraltie. Thys acte, conclusyon, and ordre to take effecte from hensforthe, and to contynue for ever.

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1551, Oct. 22. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.*

[John Tonere, S.T.B., presented by the Provost and Fellows of Oriel College to the church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the resignation of George Sutton.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1551, Nov. 5. *For Confyrmacion of the Charter of the Cittye, A° 5 Ed. VI.*

At a Councell holden the v^th^ day of Novembre, yn the yere of the reign of our Sovereign lord Kyng Edward the vj^th^ the fyfte, yt ys enacted, condyscendyd, concluded and agreed by the Mayar, Aldermen, Baylyffs, Chamberleyns, and Comynaltye that Edward Glynton and Wylliam Tylcokk, two of the cytyzyns of the seyd Cytye, be deputed, ordenyd, and auctorysed for theym and there successors, to devyse, seke, and take councell, lernyd yn the lawe or otherwyse, and yf nede requyre to make, or cause to be made, supplycacon or supplycacons unto the Kyngs maiestye, for to obteyne and confyrme, or cause to be obteynyd and confyrmed, at the Kyngs majestye, or

otherwyse by hys honorable Councell, a chartur of the lybertyes and fraunchesses of the seyd Cytye, yn the name of the Kings majesty that now ys, accordyng to the tenor, purport, and effecte of the charturs and graunts of hys most noble progenytors, for the weale, comody, and profytt of thole body of the seyd Cytye, and what so euer the same Edward and Wylliam do yn the prmysses accordyng to the tenor, purport, and effect above mencyoned, the seyd Mayar, Aldermen, Baylyes, Chamberleyns, and Comynaltey do by thys ordynance ratyfye and confyrme for ever, &c.

*Concernyng the obligacons for the Chamberleyns.*

Item, yt ys also agreed at the same Councell, that yerely from hensforthe the Chamberleyns for the yere elected shall be bound for the delyverance of the money receyvyd at there eleccion and othe takyng, yn suche some and lyke condycion as Thomas Habord and Thomas Wynkley, Chamberleyns for thys present yere, ar bounden, &c.

*Received vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ of the Barbors.*

Item, receyvyd the day and yere aboveseyd for the seale of the Barbors ordynance concernyng there occupacons, vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$.

*Rec. xiiij$^{li}$ for the Ffayer.*

Item, receyvyd at the same tyme of Wylliam Tylkokk and John Wayte, for the profytts of the ffayer holden in the Yeld hall wyth thappurtenances, above all chargys, xiiij$^{li}$, tothuse of the Chamber and body of thys Cytye. A. 29 b.

1551, Nov 5. *Lease to John Roppe.*

[At the humble petition of John Roppe, in consideration of making a good mound and fence about the aboveground, to have another lease at the end of his former one for xxj yeres, at the same rent and covenan$^{ts}$.] A. 24.

1551, Nov. 14. *An Ordre for beyng absent at the Councell.*

M$^{d}$ at a Councell holden the xiiij daye of Novembre, yn the seyd v$^{th}$ yere of the reigne of our seid sovereigne lord the Kyng, yt ys agreyd that suche as be absent and refuce to com to the Councell uppon warnyng to theym geven, shall paye to thuse of the cofur called Dame Margaret Northerne, and to the Baylyes for the yere beyng, xij$^{d}$ a pece, provydyd that the Baylyes shall [have] thone halff therof for the levyeng and gatheryng the same. A. 29 b.

1551/2, Feb. 12. *For Allowance to Mr. Mayar Flaxney.*

M^d at a Councell holden the xij day of February, yn the vj yere of the reigne of our seyd souereigne lord the Kyngs majestye above named, yt ys agreyd that M^r. Mayer that now ys shall have xl^s of the Key Kepers, for and towards hys costys and expences at London yn the Townes busynesse, concernyng a *sub pena* for the rent of the Blew Bore, sent forthe by the M^r of the rolls. A. 29 b.

1551/2, Feb. 12. *Rec' v^s for thuse of Dame Margaret Northerns Cofur.*

Item, receyved of certen persons for there amercyaments, to thuse of Dame Margarett Northerns cofur, v^s, delyvered to M^r. Cogeyn and other Key Kepers thereof. A. 29 b.

1552, June 16. *For the waye ynto Portman Eyght Mede, and thordre of the same to bee stinted.*

At a Councell holden the xvj day of June, yn the syxt yere of the reigne of oure souereigne lord Kyng Edward the Syxt, yt ys agreyd and condyscendyd by M^r. Mayar, the Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cyty of Oxford, that Thomas Mallynson, Edward Glynton, Rychard Flaxney, John Wayte, Thomas Wynkley, Roger Tayler, shall have the oversyght, rule, and government of Portman Eyght medow, concernyng the usage, rate, and sessyng of all maner of cattell pasturyng, or to be pastured yn the same; and also concernyng the makeyng of the way yn to the same, and for the watercourses and other noyans of the same grounde; and also yf nede requyre to implede or comence, pursue, make, answer, and defend by thordre of the lawes of thys realme, all manner of person and persons yn all maner of courts, or before what judges, justyces, as otherwyse by theym selffes or there Councell lernyd, as the cause requyer allways as the costs and chargys of the seyd Mayer and Comynaltye of the seyd Cytye, and thys auctorysemente to endure for oon hole yere and no longer. A. 30.

1552, June 16. *For the dyscharge of the Offyce of Constable.*

[Robert Allen, Wyllyam Wylmond, and Wyllyam Forest, each pay iij^s iiij^d to the use of the City to be discharged of the office of Constable.] A. 30.

1552, Aug. 7. *Letter from the Privy Council.*

A lettre to the Mayo^r and Burgesses of Oxford to w^thdrawe theyr sheape from ij pastures, Crepley and Portmead, and to cease theyr

digging and rising of bancks in the sayd pastures, untill the matter in controversie between them and M^r. Owen for this purpose be had and determined. *P. C. Registers*, iii. p. 594.

1552, Aug. 8.

Ordinatum est per Justiciar' quod carnifici vendent le Tallowe for xvj^d le stone, usque festum sancte Katerine proxime sub pen^a xl^s pro quolibet le stone.

Et quod candelar' vendent candelas suas usque dictum festum ij^d le pounde sub pena cujuslibet libr' x^s. A. 371.

1551-2. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Ralph Flaxney, Mayor; Thomas Havorde and Thomas Wynkley, Chamberlains: 4 Ed. VI. according to the new ordinance made by the Council of the same City.*

Thomas, son of Robert Wylde.
William, son of Henry Wylmon.
William Forest, presented by the Master and Guardians of the Brewers Company.
Robert Pryme, at the instance of Edward Chamberleyn, Esq.
hn Brokes, presented by the Master and Guardians of the Brewers Company.
William Wryght, app^ce of Roger Holden, browne baker.
William Levyns, app^ce of Nich. Todd, potycary.
Edward, son of John Madderston.
Robert Bretchegyrdle, pres. by the Brewers Company.
William Shurley, app. of William Thomas, plummer.
Martin, son of Thomas Mondye.
Edward Harks, by purchase.

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1552, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Ralph Flaxney.

*Bailiffs*, { John Wayte, Thomas Cogeyne.
*Chamberlains*, { Roger Taylour, James Dodwell.

*Councillors*, Leonard Gratley, John Perse.

1552/53, March 1.
*M.P.'s*, { Christopher Edmonds, Edward Glynton.
(*Writs tested March* 1).

1553, Aug. 15.
*M.P.'s*, { John Wayte, Thomas Williams.
(*Writs tested Aug.* 15, 1 *Q. Mary*).

1552, Nov. 27. *The copy of a letter written and directed by y^e Lords of y^e privie Counsell to y^e Mayer and Townsmen of Oxon in K. Edw. y^e 6 his time; that uppon p^r tence of certayne newe statutes then made and y^e execution of them, they should not intromitt themselves in y^e Universities liberties and priviledges, nor meddle w^th their servants or other priviledged persons.*

Wee commend us unto you, and whereas y^e Kinges ma^tie is advertized that takinge occacion uppon y^e p^rtence of thexecucion of

certaine statuts lately made, you take uppon you to medle further then the priviledges of the Universitie graunted by his progenitours, dothe permitt; his ma^tie mindinge rather the augmentacion of all such thinges whereby courage may be given to learninge, then to diminishe or suffer to be diminished any part of such graunts and liberties as for that purpose have bin given unto the University by his saide progenitors, hath commaunded us to signifie unto you his pleasure, that neither by vertue of any such statuts or any otherwise, you intromitt to the brech of their saide privileges, but the same maye stande in full force and strength, to all intents accordinge unto their meanings. And further y^t you forbeare to meddle w^th any servant of theirs or any other transgressor, w^thin their iurisdiction. And to thintent that they maie not under the p^rtence of the saide liberties be out of such order as others, his ma^tie hath appoynted certaine Justices of peace to see so unto them, as bothe they shall by them be constrayned to lyve orderly, and yet be reformed by them to whome y^e reformacion of them hathe so longe time by priviledge apperteyned; requiringe you and in his ma^ties behalfe chargeinge you, not to disquiet them, neyther to molest them in any such thinge as by their charters is permitted and graunted unto them. But that they maie frely use and putt in use y^e same, w^thout any your lett, disturbance, or contradiccion. And, &c. From Westm^r y^e 27 of Novemb. 1552.

Your loving friends,

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| Tho. Ely, Canc. | Winchester, | John Bedford, |
| E. Clinton, | T. Darcie, | G. Cobham, |
| R. Riche, | Will. Peters, | K. Cotton, |
| Jo. Gate, | Jo. Mason. | W. Cysill, |
| N. Wotton. | | Jo. Baker. |

1552/3, Jan. 3. *For thanctorysement to certen persons.*

At a Councell holden the third day of January yn the syxte yere of the reign of our souvereygn lord Kyng Edward the sext, yt ys agreed and condyscendyd by Master Mayer, the Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cytye of Oxford: that M^r. Mayer, M^r. Malyson, M^r. Tylkok, and M^r. Todde shall be authorysed under the Towne Seale to answere M^r. Doctor Owyn at London, the fyrst day of the terme next comyng, &c. A. 30.

1553. *Concerning the measuring of corn.*

M^d, an ordynaunce that no person shall lend a busshell to mete corne onlesse he shall make pryuye oon of the seid overseers of

the market to forfeyte iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$, thon halff to the taken, and thother to the bodye of the towne. A. 85 b.

[1553.] *Touchinge the University charters for y$^{e}$ sellinge of wine.*

The Mayor of y$^{e}$ City of Oxon. and y$^{e}$ Vice-Chauncler of y$^{e}$ University doe by virtue of y$^{e}$ statuts of Edward y$^{e}$ sixt, challenge free libertie to sett uppe sixe vintners to sell wine by retaile w$^{th}$in y$^{e}$ same City and suburbs, viz. 3 for y$^{e}$ City and 3 for y$^{e}$ University, and noe more as ever hath beene used since y$^{e}$ statute. And as touchinge ye prices, assise, and assay of wines y$^{e}$ Universitie hath y$^{e}$ liberties by charter within y$^{e}$ same City and Universitie to rate y$^{e}$ same both for all citizens, and priviledged persons, and others w$^{ch}$ shall retaile wynes their accordinge to their ancient liberties and customes and privilidges yt are saved by y$^{e}$ said statute.

Soe y$^{t}$ noe citizens above y$^{e}$ number of three nor any priviledged persons of y$^{e}$ Universitie above y$^{e}$ number of three, may sell wines by retaile within y$^{e}$ City or suburbs by vertue of y$^{e}$ said statutes at such as shall please y$^{e}$ University to appoint.

Since y$^{t}$ statute the late graunt to S$^{r}$. Walter Rawley doth inable him to give libertie to as many such as he shall appoint to sell wines by retaile to their most advantage within cities, boroughes, townes, &c. Notwithstandinge this taketh not away y$^{e}$ liberties of y$^{e}$ Universitie to sett y$^{e}$ prices of wine solde by retail within y$^{e}$ City and suburbs, neither doth nor can y$^{e}$ charter graunted to S$^{r}$. Walter Rawley take away y$^{e}$ former charters and liberties graunted to ye citizens of Oxon., graunted to them in these words: "Et quod nullus qui non sit de eorum Gilda vina aliqua seu mercimonia aut quæcunque alia bona venalia infra dictam villam Oxon. vel ejus suburbia ad retallia vendat, &c."

Hereby you may see y$^{t}$ S$^{r}$. Walter Raughley may give libertie to as many free men of y$^{e}$ City to sell wine by retaile as he listeth, notwithstandinge y$^{e}$ statute of Edw. y$^{e}$ sext, but not to forriners. And the liberties, francheses, and jurisdictions of y$^{e}$ Chauncelor and Schollers of Oxon. and Cambridge, and of ye inhabitants their are alwayes saved by a speciall proviso in y$^{e}$ said statute, 7 Ed. vi. c. 51. *Twyne* iv. 90.

1553, April 22. *Presentation to the Church of St. Martin*

[Thomas Tayler presented by the Crown to the church of St. Martin's.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

[1553.] *Process against certain Fishing in the Common Waters.*

John Owen of Sanford, in com. Oxon, and Richard Day of Long Witnam, in com. Berks, deposed before me Tho. Owen, in the presence of Roger Herne and James Sadocke, that in the last yere of King Edward vj$^{th}$, after the exaltacion of the crosse, xiiij$^{th}$ of September, what certayne day they remembered not, they went in fysshing in the common waters behind Friswythes, adjoining to Cowmede, together also w$^{th}$ one Nicholas Day of Wulvercotte, and that John Wayte and Thomas Cogan, then Bailyes of Oxford, came unto them w$^{th}$ a poer of men, and entred into their botes and tooke awaye their nette and fisshe, and tooke with them the said Nicholas Day and John Owen, and when they came to Karfoks, Alderman Irish there then sitting and espying them coming, askid what the matter was; quoth the said Wayte and Cogan, We have taken foryners in fishing in o$^{r}$ common waters. Then quoth Alderman Irish, As for one of them, John Owen, I know he is free, for he was made fre in myne yere, and I wilbe suerty for him. Then quoth Nicholas Day, What say ye then to me, am not I also a freeman? Wherto Alderman Irish answered y$^{t}$ he cowld say little for him, and the said Bailies said farder he was no freeman, nor shold not be used like any freeman, and therw$^{th}$ tooke away from him both his nett and his fissh; they then had him also to Bocardo, and did sette him in the stocke howse otherwize then freemen are wont to be used. Alderman Flaxon being then Mayor, who being complained unto refused to do do him justice therein. Tho. Owen, Roger Hyrne, James Saddock. *Bod. MSS. Eccl.* 4°.

1553, Sept. 26. *For the Payment of Mr. Glynton for hys Dyner of thaldermans Offyce.*

At a Councell holden the xxvj day of Septembre, yn the ffyrst yere of our sovereygn lady Quene Mary, yt ys agreed and condyscendyd by M$^{r}$. Mayer, the Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cytye of Oxford, that M$^{r}$. Glynton shall paye xl$^{s}$ and a bulloke for the not makyng of hys dyner at the eleccion of hys offyce of Aldermans offyce, whych som of money he hath payd to thands of John Smyth, one of the Key Kepers, and the seyd bulloke ys also delyvered at the rydyng of the fraunchesse yn M$^{r}$. Flaxney's year, beyng Mayar. A. 30.

1553, Sept. 26. *That certen persons shall yet remeyne.*

Item, on the same day and yere yt was agreed and condyscendyd by the seyd Mayer, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the

seyd Cytye of Oxford, that Mr. Mallyson, Mr. Tylkok, and Mr. Wayte, and other before authorysed, shall yet remayne as before thys tyme for Portmede and other suts ageynst Master Owen. A. 30.

1552-3. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Ralph Flaxney, Mayor; Roger Taylour and James Dodwell, Chamberlains. 6 Ed. VI.* [*ending Sept.* 28, 1553.]

William Betterley, smythe, late app. of John Raye.

Charles Dynmock, goldsmyth, app. of Alon Preston.

Thomas Awoodd, fuller, by purchase.

John Heyborne, app. of Maurice Vaghan, browne baker.

John Barksdale, of Oxon, tanner, by purchase.

Thomas More, of Oxon, tayler, by purchase.

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1553, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Atkynson.

*Bailiffs*, { Richard Iverye, William Tovye.

*Chamberlains*, { Andrew Burnett, Nicholas Gybbert.

*Councillors.*
Robert Towe.
Thomas Smalepace.
William Pykaver.

*Alderman*, Edward Glynton, *loco* Richard Gunter.

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1554, Mar. 27.

*M.P.'s*, { Thomas Mallynson, Edward Glynton.

*Parliament held at Oxford April* 2, 1 *Q. Mary.*

April 15.

*Recorder*, Sir John Pollard, Kt.

A. 35.

May 28.

*Assistants*, { Thomas Lame, Richard Willyams.

1553, Nov. 18. *Brittaine and Breerton, Scholars of New College, ordered to be released from Prison.*

A lettre to the Mayor and Bailieffs of Oxforde, to sett at libertie oute of their prysonne two schollers of the Newe Colledge, named Brittaine and Breerton, their offences being pardoned by force of the Quenes highnes late generall pardonne. *P. C. Registers*, ii. p. 41.

1553, Dec. 9. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles.*

[Roger Johns, M.A., presented by George Owen, Esq., to the church of Saint Giles, on the resignation of Edmund Wolfe.]

*Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1553. *Accompt of Rychard Flaxney and Thomas Cogan, late Stuards of the Austyn Fayre, in the yere of the Lord* 1553.

*Recepts.* Recevyd for the stands in the stret hall and courte ix$^{li}$ xviij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

*Payments.* Payed to Peter Roo for caryeng in and oute of the bords and poles in the said ffayre . . . ij$^{s}$

Item, for caryeng of bords and poles from the Gylde hall to the said fayre . . . . . xvj$^{d}$

Item, payed to Mr. Fryer for a hole yeres rent of the fayre vj$^{li}$ vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

1553. *The Accompte of the said Rychard and Thomas, beyng Stuards the same yere for the Frydeswyde Fayre.*

*Recepts.* Inprimis, recevyd for stands in the Gylde hall courte vj$^{li}$ xvj$^{d}$

Item, for standyngs in the Gylde hall . . . liiij$^{s}$

Item, for standyngs in the strete . . . . lj$^{s}$ x$^{d}$

Item, for standyngs in the Blew Bore . . lxvj$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Sma xiiij$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$.

*Payments.* In primis, to M$^{r}$. Fryer, for half yeres rent of the Austyn fayre . . . . . .

Item, for settyng upp of the cheker, and takynge downe the same agayne . . . . . viij$^{d}$

Item, for the caryenge of ij lods of bords and poles from the Austyn fayre . . . . . xviij$^{d}$

Item, for mendyng of the dore of the Blew Bore hall . iiij$^{d}$

Item, for the locke of the same dore . . . ij$^{d}$

Item, payed for iij$^{c}$ and iij$^{qa}$ of elme bords . . . xj$^{s}$

Item, for poles . . . . . ij$^{s}$

Item, for caryeng and recaryeng bords . . . ij$^{s}$

Item, payed to the Bayles . . . . xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Item, to Thomas Cogan for redemyng a cuppe layed to hym in gage by the Towne . . . . vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ xiiij$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$.

1553/54, March 7. *That George Haskyns, bedder, shall paye* xl$^{s}$.

At a Councell holden the vij$^{th}$ day of Marche yn the ffurst yere of our sovereygn lady Quene Mary, yt ys agreyd and condyscendyd by M$^{r}$. Mayer, the Aldermen, Baylyffs and the Councell of the Cyty of Oxford that George Askyns, other wyse called George Bedder, shall paye ffourtye shyllyngs and to occupy the bedders craft, payeing for hys stondynd untyll the ffeast of pentycost next comyng to sell upholsters wares wythyn the lybertyes of thys Cytye, except he take a stondyng yn the ffayer at the fayer tyme, &c.

A. 30.

1553/54, Marche 10. *That Phyllyppe Gunter, bedder, shall pay* iij$^{li}$.

[Phyllypp Gunter shall sell upholsters wares wythyn the lybertyes of thys Cytye untyll the feast of Pentycost for the som of iij$^{li}$, except he take a stondyng yn the fayer at the fayer tyme. A. 30 b.

1554, May 3. *Privy Council minute, concerning the costs for maintaning Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer.*

It was this daye ordered by the L.L. that the Mayor of Oxford shuld bring in his bill of allowaunces for the charges of docto$^{r}$ Cranmer, docto$^{r}$ Rydley, and Latymer and shuld have a warraunt for the same. And further was resolved by their Lordshipps that the Judges and the Quenes heighnes learned Counsayll shuld be called to gether and their opynyons demaunded what they thinke in lawe hir heighnes maye doo touching the casses of the said Cranmer, Rydley, and Latymer, being all redye by bothe the Universyties of Oxforde and Cambridge iudged to be obstinate heretiks, whiche matter is the rather to be consulted uppon for that the said Cranmer is allredye attainted. *P. C. Registers* ii. 112.

1554, July 21. *Presentation to the Church of S$^{t}$. Mary the Virgin.*

[Hugh Huchenson, S. T. B. presented by the Provost and Fellows of Oriel College to the church of St. Mary the Virgin on the resignation of John Tonorcye.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1554, Sept. 18. *Edward Freur oone of thassystents.*

At a Councell holden the xviij day of Septembre yn the furst and second yeres of the reignes of Kyng Phyllyppe and Quene Mary, Edward Freer ys elected to be oone of the viij persons for assystyng Mr. Mayer, &c. ut supra, &c. A. 32.

1554, Sept. 9. *For the Eleccion of Mr. Mayer by a new ordre.*

At a Councell holden the xix day of September yn the ffurst and second yere of our souvereigne and lady Kyng and Quene, yt ys agreyd and condyscendyd by Master Mayer, the Aldermen, Bayliffs, and the Councell of the Cyty of Oxford, that eyght of the dyscretest persons of the sayd Cytye shall be electyd and chosen by the seyd Mayer, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and Councell unto the sayd Mayer and Aldermen to be xiij yn nomber, for forthe of the whyche nombre of xiij persons the mayer shall yerely be chosen at the day and usage as heretofore hathe ben accustomyd forthe of the nombre of ffyve persons.

Item, yt ys agreyd that every person so electyd and chosen to thoffyce of Mayralte shall pay at hys eleccion to the seyd offyce of Mayralte to Mr. Mayers Sarjaunt syx shyllyng and viijd.

Item, to the Key Kepers to thuse of the body of the Town, vli or ells hys dyner wythyn the same yere.

Item, yt ys agreyd that no person shall be Mayer but one yere, and not to be chosen ageyn wythyn thre yerys then next folowyng.

Item, yt ys agreyd that when so ever any person of thys noomber be chosen to thoffyce of Mayralte, that then the same person so electyd shall for that yere weare a scarlett gowne, a scarlett cloke, and a typpett of velvett as other Aldermen have accustomyd yn thoffyce of Mayralte to do.

Item, yt ys agreyd that after the decesse of the Mayer, the Alderman shall be chosen owt of the seyd nomber of xiij persons payeing ten pounds and other dutyes.

Item, yt ys agreyd that imedyatly after the decesse of any of the seyd xiij persons, one other person shall be chosen yn manner aforseyd to fulfyll the nombre of xiij persons.

Item, yt ys further agreyd that no person shall alter or chaunge hys place, and rometh yn senyorite or junyorite by thys nomynacion and eleccion.

Item, at thys present day these persons whose namys be under wrytten ar electyd and chosen.

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|---|---|---|
| Wyllyam Tylkok, | Xpofer Hawkyns, | John Walklyn, |
| John Wayte, | Thomas Wyllyams, | Nycholas Todd. |
| Rychard Whyttyngton, | Robert Jamys, | A. 30 b. |

1554, Sept. 25. *Concerning Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer.*

A lettre to the Maior and Bailiefs of Oxforde to deliver the late B. of Canterbury, doctor Ridley, and Latymer over to the charge and custodie of the newe Maior and Bailieffs that shall succeade in their rowme. *P. C. Registers* ii. 180.

*Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Atkynson, Mayor; Andrew Burnett and Nicholas Gybbert, Chamberlains:* 1st *Q. Mary.*

John Jones, tayler, by purchase.
David Wyllyams, late app. of William Thomas, plomer.
William Noble, late app. of Robert Cogeyn, mercer.
Richard Hanson, late app. of John Brydgeman, mercer.
John Clyfton, late app. of Nicholas Marcham, barbour.

1553-4. *Accompte of Andrew Burnett and Nicholas Gybbert, late Chamberlaines, from Mich.,* 1*st Q. Mary, to Mich. following.*

*Receipts.* Item, of Phyllyp Gunter, of London, upholster, for lycence to sell hys merchandyce wythyn the seyd Cytye xl$^{s}$

*Payments.* Item, they axe to be allowed for the rewarde gyven to the Lord Wyllyams at Newyeres tyde . . xij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$
Item, for a reward gyven to Master Pollard at Newyears tyde . . . . . vj$^{s}$
Item, for wyne gyven to the swanherdys . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, payd to a laborer for rowyng the bote . . ij$^{d}$
Item, for the cariage of the swanns to the syngne of the Crowne ij$^{d}$
Item, for markyng of the swannys . . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, for tythyng of the swannys . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, for ale for the swanyeardys . . . . ij$^{d}$
Item, for iiij busshells of barley for the swannes . . v$^{s}$
Item, for bread for the swans . . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{ris}$ Plamber for kepyng of the swans . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, they axe allowaunce for thexpences of the strayngers of Spayne, that ys to wete, for theyre dynner . . v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for wyne, suger, perys, and walnutts . . vj$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$
Item, for iij payre of gloves . . . . vij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, for iiij payre of gloves for theyre seruants . . ij$^{s}$

*Fees.* Item, they axe to be allowed for the fee of the lord Wyllyams, nowe lord Wyllyams of Thame . . . v$^{li}$
Item, for y$^{e}$ Recorders ffee . . . . . liij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for hys servaunt . . . . . x$^{s}$
Item, for the comon Clarks ffee of thys Cytye . . liij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for M$^{r}$. Mayers ffee . . . . . v$^{li}$
Item, for the Mayers Serjaunts ffee . . xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for the ffee to the Mayers Cryer . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to hym for procleymyng of ffurst proclamacon . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

*The Accounts of Edward Glynton, Rychard Flaxney, and John Smythe, Key Kepers. 1st Q. Mary [ending Michaelmas, 1554].*

*Recepts.* Item, of Wyllyam Tylcokk and Rychard Wyllyams for Frydswydys ffayre, above all charges, y^n^ the seyd ffurst yere of Quene Marye . . . . . xiij^li^ xiiij^s^

Item, of the seyd Wyllyams Tylcokk and Rychard Wyllyams, for Austen ffayer, above all chargys, yn the seyd ffurst yere of Quene Marye . . . . . vj^li^ viij^s^

*Paym^ts^.* Item, to Rychard Wyllyams for to paye Mr. Frewen for the rent of the Austen ffayre . . . xxxvj^s^ viij^d^

1554, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Edward Irysshe.

*Bailiffs*, { William Pantre, Roger Taylor.

*Chamberlains*, { Thomas Smalpage, Henry Bolton.

*Council.*

Robert Forest, John Sutton, Robert Pryme, William Strowde, Henry Mylward, Richard Edgys, Geoffrey Vaghan, Robert Bracegyrdle.

A. 88.

1554, Oct. 23.

*M.P.'s*, { John Wayte, William Tylcock.

1555, Sept. 14.

*M.P.'s*, { John Wayte, William Pantre.

1554, Oct. 2. *Presentation to the Church of St. Giles.*

[John Wylliams, M.A., presented by George Owen, Esq., to the church of Saint Giles, on the resignation of Roger Johns.]

*Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1554, Oct. 4. *For thadmyssyon of John Hartley, fuller.*

[John Hartley, fuller, compounds for the office of Chamberleyn, paying iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^.]

1554, Oct. 8. *Concernyng thauctorysement of Portmede and Crypley, made to certen persons, shall be voyd, and other auctorysed.*

At a Councell holden the viij^th^ day of Octobre, in the ffurst and second yerys of the reignes of our sovereygne lord and lady Phyllypp and Mary, Kyng and Queene of Inglond, &c., yt ys agreyd and con-

dyscendyd by Mr. Mayer, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cyty of Oxford, that thaucthorysement to Mr. Mallynson, Mr. Tylkok, Thomas Wyllyams, John Wayte, Wyllyam Pantre, and Roger Tayler, concernyng Portmede and Crypley, shall from hensforth be voyde; and the same day and yere yt ys agreyd that Wyllyam Tylkok, John Wayte, and Thomas Chapman shall go to gyve instruccions to our Councell concernyng Portmede and Crypleys for thys terme next insuyng.

*Concernyng the Setters of the Ffayer.*

Item, yt ys further agreyd on the same day and yere, that Rychard Wyllyams and Thomas Cogeyn shall lett the stondyngs for Frysewydes ffayer for the yere next insuyng. A. 31.

1554, Oct. 28. *That Roger Tayler shall sue forthe partyculers of Londs.*

At a Councell holden the xxviijth day of Octobre, yn the furst and second yeres of Phyllypp and Mary, Kyng and Quene of Inglond, &c., yt ys agreyd and condyssendyd by Mr. Mayer, the Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cytye of Oxford, that Roger Tayler shall ryde to London to pursue and sue forthe the partyculers for the londs to Mr. Camswell, that ys to wete, Lytlemore and Cassyngton, and to do further as my lord Wyllyams shall advyse hym for the pryce and assuraunce. A. 31.

*Concernyng the fredom of Edward Farman* iijli.

[Edward Farman to be fre of the Guylde of thys Cytye, for the som of iiili.]

*Concerning a new leace to Jamys Dodewell.*

[James Dodwell to have a new lease of the tenement now occupied by him.] A. 31.

1554/55, Jan. 13. *Concernyng John Garnet, the Scoller.*

At a Councell holden the xiij day of January, yn the ffurst and second yeres of Phyllypp and Mary, Kyng and Quene of Inglond, &c., yt ys agreed and condyssendyd by Mr. Mayer, the Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cytye of Oxford, that Mr. Pantre and Mr. Wayte shall ryde to London to speke to the Councell for the gaole delyverye for John Garnet[48] the scoller. A. 31.

[48] Anthony Garnet, A.M. and Fellow of Balliol College. (See *Wood's Annals*, vol. ii. p. 129.)

1554/55, Feb. 12. *Concernyng the Jury for Portmete.*

At a Councell holden the xij[th] day of February, in the ffurst and second yeres of Phyllypp and Mary, Kyng and Quene of Inglond, &c., yt ys agreyd and condyssendyd by M[r]. Mayer, the Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cytye of Oxford, that certen persons shall be namyd and appoynted to resort and repayre to the Jurey ympanellyd betwene the body of the seyd Cytye and Docter Owen to gyve instruccions and evydence concernyng the ryght of portmanheyte medowe whose names are under wrytten, that ys to wete:

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|---|---|---|
| Master Irysshe, Mayer, | M[r]. Wylmon, | M[r]. Whyttyngton, |
| M[r]. Mallynson, | M[r]. Pantre, | M[r]. Wayte, |
| M[r]. Glynton, | M[r]. Tayler, | M[r]. Flaxney, |
| M[r]. Brydgeman, | M[r]. Lambe, | M[r]. Cogan. |
| M[r]. Tylcokk. | | |

A. 31.

*For the mayntynaunce of sute-payments ordeynyd.*

At a Councell holden the day and yere aforeseyd, yt ys lykewise agreyd, that uppon consyderacion for the mayntenaunce of the sayd sute, that every person beyng fre of the Gylde of the Cytye shall wekely pay suche som of money as herafter ys mencyonyd, untyll suche tyme as thys present ordynaunce by the seyd Mayer and Councell be dissaluyd, that ys to wete, the Mayor and every Alderman vj[d] a pece, every Baylye iiij[d], every Chamberleyne iij[d], lykewyse every person of the Common Councell ij[d], and every other Burgesse j[d]. A. 31 b.

1554/55, Feb. 23. *For dyvers persons to followe the sute. Quo warranto and Portmeade.*

At a Councell holden the xxiij day of February, yn the furst and secund yeres of Phyllypp and Mary, Kyng and Quene of Inglond, &c., yt ys agreed and condyssendyd by the Mayre, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cytye of Oxford that Master Tayler, Master Wayte, and M[r]. Cogan shall followe the sute of the Quo Warranto and the Mortmayne; and also that the seyd persons togyther wythe M[r]. Tylcokk shall procede yn the sute concernyng Portmedowe. A. 31 b.

1555, May 20. *Concernyng Augustyne fayre.*

At a Councell the xx day of Maye yn the seyd furst and second yerys of our sovereygns lord and lady Phyllypp and Marye, yt ys

agreyd and condyssendyd by the Mayre, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of the Cytye of Oxford that the Augustyne ffayre shall endure but viij dayes next folowyng Seynt Portlatens Eve.

*For suyng the teynt.*

Item, the same day and yerys, yt ys agreyd and condyssendyd by the seyd Mayre, Aldermen, and Baylyffs, and Councell that Mr. Mallynson and Mr. Tayler should ryde to London to obteyne the copye of the charter of London, and to sue the taynte, and to answere to other busynesses perteynyng to the seyd Cyty of Oxford. A. 31 b.

1555, June 10. *For sellyng of land.*

At a Councell holden the xth day of June yn the same yerys as ys aboueseyd, yt ys agreed and condyssendyd by the forseyd Maire, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and Councell that Mr. Glynton, Mr. Pantre, Mr. Elmes, Mr. Tylcockk, Mr. Wayte, and Mr. Todd should repayre unto suche as would by certen land, and they should have and make sale thereof.

Item, yt ys agreed that Mr. Mallyson shall ryde to London to make answere to the Quo Warranto, and to followe other suts.

*Concernyng the fullyng myll.*

Item, yt ys agreeyd that vj persons, that is to wete, ij Baylyffs, ij Chamberleynes, and ij of the Comon Councel wyth advyce of som learnyd Councell to devyce and make bonds by indenturs and otherwyse for a fullyng myll, to be set upp betwene the hygh brydge and Ruly wall by Mr. Mallyson for that, that any noyaunce shal not ensue to the hurt of the Castell mylls, that ys to wyte, Thomas Elmes, Thomas Wyllyams, Thomas Smalpage, Henry Bolton, Morys Vaghan, and John Peerse, and for suche rent [as they] shall devyse for term of lyff. A. 31 b.

1555, Aug. 28. *Bond for return of a Chalice to Saint Ebbe's Church.*

Thomas Malynson de civitate Oxon in com Oxon, draper, recognovit se debere dominis Regi et Regine centum libras solvendas et, &c. Et nisi, &c., concedit dicta summa debetur, &c.

The condicion of this recognisaunce is suche that if the above bounden Thomas do make restitution to the church of St. Ebbe,

in the said Cittie of Oxforde, of oon chalice by him distrained from the same churche, and do openly upon the feaste of the nativitie of o^r lady next coming in the said parishe churche of S^t. Ebbe declare before his neighbo^rs that he did yll in taking the same chalys, and there openly cry God mercy, and them for his so doing, that then this present recognisaunce, &c.

Be me,
THOMAS MALYNSON.

*P. C. Registers*, i. 93.

1555, Aug. 28. *The augmentacion of the Sergyants fees for beyng attorneys.*

[The sergyants beyng attorneys in the courte shall have ij^s for there attorneys fee of a forryner and xij^d of a freman.]

*The augmentacion of the fee for entry of accions.*

Item, it ys agreed that the fremen shall paye ij^d for the entry of an accion, and every forryner xij^d. A. 32 b.

*Hanasters admitted in the time of Edmund Irysshe, Mayor; Thomas Smalpage and Henry Bolton, Chamberlains. 1 and 2 Philip and Mary.*

John Hanks, mercer.
Richard Bradborn, tayler.
Thomas, son of Thomas Pole.
Edward Farman, inholder.
Edmund Fernsyde, tayler.
James Sampson, sadler.
Richard Wynckley, smythe.
William Furnesse, baker.
Richard Bremer.
George Mundy.
Thomas Dobson.

p. 233 b.

1554-5. *The Accounts of Thomas Smallpage and Harry Bolton, late Chamberlaynes. 1 and 2 Ph. and Mary.*

*Paym^ts.* Inprimis, they axe to be allowed for the fee of the Lord Willyams . . . . . v^li

Payed to M^r. Welles for gloves geven to straungers . xj^s viij^d

Item, to the same, for gloves geven to my lorde Wyllyams and others by M^r. Mayre . . . . viij^s

Item, payed to M^r. Welles for gloves bestowed in the sute agaynst doctor Owen . . . . xvj^s viij^d

Item, to a pursyvant for bryngyng a proclamacon . iij^s iiij^d

Item, payed to the Kyngs mynstrells . . . v^s

Item, payed for the hyer of ij horsses iij dayes to fetche veneson . . . . . iiij^s

Item, payed for fyshe that was sent to my lorde Willyams xxvj$^{s}$. viij$^{d}$
Item, payed to M$^{r}$. Cogan for almond, butter, wyne, and other things geven to M$^{r}$. Plowden . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, for barley for swannes . . . . x$^{s}$
Item, for the goyng of the swannes to M$^{res}$. Plummer, and mete geven by her . . . . . x$^{s}$
Item, payed for mendyng the masc w$^{ch}$ M$^{r}$. John's barethe vj$^{s}$
Item, for Austyn Kyrks masc . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{r}$. Cogan for suger, currants, and byskyts . iij$^{s}$
Item, for the tythe of the swannes to Lyvyt . . x$^{d}$
Item, payed for ale and wyne that was geven to swannerds vj$^{d}$
*For the Mayres dyner.* In primis, in breade . . xviij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, drynke . . . . . xvj$^{s}$
Item, for pegyons . . . . . xx$^{d}$
Item, for iiij cople of capons . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for coneys . . . . . x$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{r}$. Wylmot for beff . . . . vij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{r}$. Abell . . . . . vj$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
Item, to Austen Wylmot . . . . . iij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{r}$. Dew . . . . . v$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, to Hartope . . . . . vj$^{s}$ x$^{d}$
Item, to John Webbe . . . . . iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{r}$. Brerton . . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, to Strowde . . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{res}$. Gunter for a cople of capons . . v$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for whight salte . . . . . vj$^{s}$
Item, for bay salte . . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, for mustard . . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, for rossen . . . . . iij$^{d}$
Item, for wyne the election day . . . . xviij$^{s}$
Item, for flower to bake the veneson . . . ix$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for pyggs to M$^{res}$. Garbrande . . . iiii$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for candells . . . . . ij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{res}$. Huyt, for pyggs . . . . vj$^{s}$
Item, to the Coks . . . . . vij$^{s}$
Item, for suyt to Webbe . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, for eggs . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, for chekyns . . . . . xv$^{d}$
Item, for butter . . . . . xviij$^{d}$
Item, for ij$^{li}$ pepper . . . . . v$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for close and mase . . . . . xiiij$^{d}$
Item, half a pound of dats . . . . . v$^{d}$

Item, for a$^{li}$ of suger and a half . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, for half a$^{li}$ of currants . . . . iij$^{d}$
Item, for saffram . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, for synemond . . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, for gynger . . . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, for vynegar and vergys . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, for wood to Austyn Kyrke . . . . iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for iii quarters of coles . . . . iij$^{s}$
Item, for potts lost . . . . . xiij$^{d}$
S'ma totalis xliiij$^{li}$ xiiij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$. *Audit Book*, 5 b.

1554-5. *The Accounts of Edward Glynton, Rychard Wyllyams, Thomas Cogeyne, Henry Mall, and Thomas Tanner, Key Kepers. 1 and 2 Ph. and Mary.*

*Recepts.* Item, of the Fryswyse ffayre money . xj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Item, of the Austen ffayre money . . . x$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for halff a yerys rent of a tent of the Austen ffayre v$^{s}$
Item, of Master Wyllyams xxvj old aungells . xiij$^{li}$

*Payments.* Item, payd to M$^{r}$. Frewen for halff a yeres rent behynd unpayd of the Austen ffayre . . iij$^{li}$ iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{r}$. Baylyffs for the custome of Fryswys ffayre xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, payed to Edward Freur for half a yerys rent of the Austen ffayre . . . . . iij$^{li}$ iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, payd to Peter Rowe for hys paynes takyng at the Austen fayre . . . . . ij$^{s}$
*Audit Book*, 3.

1555, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Wayte.

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Wynkley, John Wells.
*Chamberlains*, { Henry Mall, Richard Edgis.

*Council.*
John Hyll, mercer.
Garbrand Harks.
William Hortoppe.
John Barkesdale.
Augustine Wylmon.
Thomas Gyles.
William Forest.
John Gorton.
Justinian Blackamore.

1556, Sept. 18. *Alderman*, Richard Whittington[43]. A. 88 b.

1555, Oct. 8. *For the Sale of the Lond at Cutteslowe.*

At a Councell holden the viij$^{h}$ daye of October, yn the second and thurd yerys of Kyng Phyllypp and Quene Marye, yt ys agreyd

[43] Probably in the place of Edmund Irysshe.

and condyscendyd by the Mayor, Aldermen, Baylyffs, and Councell, that the lond wheryn Edward Glynton and Nycholas Todd be infeffyd shall forthwythe be sold, and that Nycholas Todd, Thomas Elmes, Thomas Wynkley, and Wyllyam Tylcoke, shall consult wythe suche as wyll by the same to be browght before the Mayer, Aldermen, and the viij$^{th}$ assistents, and the to conclude thereyn.

A. 32.

1555, Oct. 12. *Concernyng a Leace to Augustyne Kyrke.*

[Augustyne Kyrke to have a lease of a certen voyde ground on the north parte of the Castle brydge, for xxj yeres.] A. 32.

1555, Oct. 14. *Concernyng the Sutes dependyng.*

At a Councell holden the xiiij day of Octobre, yn the seid second and thurd yeres of the reignes of the Kyng and the Quene, yt ys agreyd that M$^{r}$. Mayer and M$^{r}$. Pantre shall have full auctoryte, and to procede yn the sutys of the *quo warranto*, the atteynt, and all others now dependynge.

*Concernyng the Fayer.*

Item, that Rychard Wyllyams and Thomas Cogeyn shall sett the stondyngs of Frydyswyde ffayer thys yere. A. 32.

1555, Oct. 14. *Concernyng a Leace to Wylliam Nabbe.*

[Wylliam Nabbe to have a garden ground for xxj yeres.]

A. 32.

*The Costs and Charges of the maintenance of Bp. Latimer, as by the Bailiffs account delivered to Archbp. Parker, from 7$^{th}$ of October, 1555, to the day of his martyrdom.*

*The 7$^{th}$ of October*, [1555].

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| *Dynner.* | Item, bread and ale . . . | iiij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$ ob. |
| | Item, boyled meate . . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a calfes head . . . . | v$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a loyne of vele . . . | xvj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, wyne . . . . . | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| | Item, chese and peares . . . | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, drinking betwixt meales . . | j$^{d}$ | |

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| *Supper.* Item, bread and ale | iiij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, a shoulder of mutton | x$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a breaste of vele | x$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a dosen of larkes | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 8$^{th}$ of October.*

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| *Dynner.* Item, in breade and ale | iiij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, boyled meate | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, rosted befe | xvj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a conye | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinking betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ |
| Item, a breaste of mutton | vij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a pygg | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, two chekins | ix$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 9$^{th}$ of October.*

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| *Dynner.* Item, breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, boyled meate | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a breaste of vele | x$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a pygg | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinking betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, a calfes head | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a loyne of vele | xvj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a conye | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 10$^{th}$ of October.*

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| *Dynner.* Item, breade and ale | iiij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ iij$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, boyled meate | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, rosted befe | x$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a capon | xv$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |

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| *Supper.* | Item, breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$ ob. |
| | Item, a calves headd | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a shulder of mutton | xj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, two chekens | x$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| | Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 11$^{th}$ of October.*

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| *Dynner.* | Item, breade and ale. | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$ ob. |
| | Item, butter | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, lynge | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, fresshe samon | x$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, roche and perche | x$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| | Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, drinking betwixte meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Bever.* | Item, breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | vj$^{d}$ ob. |
| | Item, wine | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| | Item, peares | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 12$^{th}$ of October.*

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| *Dynner.* | Item, breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$ ob. |
| | Item, butter and egges | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for lynge | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for fresshe samon | xij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item for yles and roches | viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| | Item, chese and peares | ij$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* | Item, breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ ob. |
| | Item, egges and butter | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, lynge | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, fresshe samon | x$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, roche and perche | viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| | Item, peares and chese | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 13$^{th}$ of October.*

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| *Dynner.* | Item, breade and ale | iiij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$ ob. |
| | Item, stude meate | x$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, rosted befe | x$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a breaste of vele | vij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a wood cocke | v$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, wyne | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| | Item, peares and chese | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, drinking betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |

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| *Supper.* Item, breade and ale . . | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, a shoulder of mutton . . | xj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a pygg . . . . | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a wood cocke . . . . | v$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne . . . . | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares . . . | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, sugar and spyce to dresse his meete al wyke . . . . . | xvj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, candle and fyer for his chamber, and to dresse his meate al wyke . . | x$^{s}$ | |
| Item, his barber and lawnder . . | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, two men to watche w$^{t}$ him, every one of them for every daye and night vj$^{d}$ | | |
| The some of the watchemen for the whole wyke . . . . . | vij$^{s}$ | |

*The 14$^{th}$ of Octobre.*

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| *Dynner.* Item, in breade and ale . . | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, boyled meate . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a calves head . . . | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a loyne of mutton . . . | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a conye . . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne . . . . | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares . . . | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinking betwixt meales . . | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, breade and ale . . | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ v$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, a breaste of mutton . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a pygge . . . . | xj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a conye . . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wine . . . . . | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares . . . | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 15$^{th}$ of October.*

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| *Dynner.* Item, breade and ale . . | iiij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ x$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, boyled meate . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, rosted befe . . . | xv$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a cony . . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne . . . . | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and pears . . . | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinke betwixt meales . . | j$^{d}$ | |

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| *Supper.* Item, bread and ale . . | iij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ ob. |
| Item, a shoulder of mutton . . | ix$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a pygg . . . . | xj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a plover . . . . | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne . . . . | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares . . . | ij$^{d}$ | |

*The 16th of October.*

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| *Dynner.* Item, breade and ale . . | iij$^{d}$ | [ii$^{s}$viij$^{d}$ob.] |
| Item, boyled meate . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a loyne of vele . . . | xiiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a conye . . . . | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne . . . . | j$^{d}$ ob. | |
| Item, chese and peares . . . | ij$^{d}$ | |

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| Item, layde out for thry lode of wod fagottes to burne Rydlaye and Latimer . . | xij$^{s}$ |
| Item, one lode of furre fagottes . . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the carige of these foure lodes . | ij$^{s}$ |
| Item, a poste . . . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| Item, two chaynes . . . . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, two staples . . . . | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, foure laborers . . . . | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, spente in suite to yower honorable lordeshipp . . . . | xl$^{s}$ |

1555, Oct. 18. *Concernyng the conclucion of the sale of the Londs.*

At a Councell holden the xviij day of Octobre the seid second and thurd yeres of the reignes of the Kyng and the Quene, yt ys agreyd by M$^{r}$. Mayer, thaldermen, Baylyffs, and the Councell of thys Cytye, that John Coxed and John Clerke shall have and holde to theym and to there heyres for ever, all suche londs as Rychard Andrewes, gent., late barganyd and sold to Edward Glynton and Nycholas Todd as feffes of trust to thuse of the parysshyoners of the parysshes or body of the seid Cytye for the full som of xij score and xj$^{li}$, to be payde yn maner and forme followyng, &c., that ys to wete thys present day lxxj$^{li}$: Item at Candlemas terme next comyng, oone hundred pounds. Item at the ffeast of Pentycost then next insuyng iiij score pounds, and all chargys yn the lawe to be done at the costs of the seid Coxed and Clarke. A. 32.

1555, Oct. 18. *The admyssyon of Raff Denton*, iij$^{li}$.

[Raff Denton, teyler, admytted yn to the lyberty of the guyld of thys Cytye for the som of v$^{li}$, and other chargys accordyng to the tenore of the late ordynances, and for certen causes ys forgeven therof xl$^{s}$.] A. 32.

*Concernyng the charges of M$^{r}$. Glynton and Master Todd.*

Item, the seyd day and yeres, yt ys agreed that Edward Glynton and Nycholas Todd shalbe allowed for all maner of chargys by theyme to be susteynyd concernyng thassurance of the lond above mencyoned at the costs and chargys of the body of thys cytye.

A. 32 b.

*Allouance to Rychard Flaxney for xl$^{s}$.*

Item, the seyd day and yeres yt ys agreyd that Rychard Flaxney shall be allowed of the som of xl$^{s}$, whyche he lent to Wylliam Pantre for hys charges yn the fflete, and not the seyd Wylliam Pantrey.

A. 32 b.

*The allowance of xl$^{s}$ to Wylliam Pantre.*

Item, the seyd day and yeres yt ys agreyd that Wylliam Pantre shall have to hys owne use xl$^{s}$ towards hys expencys thys terme next insuyng, for hys dylygence and paynes to be taken yn the sutes of thys Cyty now dependyng.

*Concernyng xl$^{s}$ to be accompted for.*

Item, that the seyd Wylliam Pantre shall have other xl$^{s}$, uppon hys accompt hereafter to be made when he shalbe requyred.

A. 32 b.

15$\frac{55}{56}$, Feb. 2. *An Order for Payment of the Expenses incurred for Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer.*

A lettre to the L. Thresourer, geving him to understande that it is resolved here that the late Mayo$^{r}$ and Bailiffs of Oxforde shall have of the charges due unto them for D. Cranmer, Ridley, and Latimer, and their s$^{r}$vaunts, iij$^{li}$ every weke, praieng him to give order that they be paide after that rate for so muche as is due unto them. *P. C. Registers*, i. 197.

1555/56, March 3. *Bond given by Margaret Irysshe.*

Rad'us Flaxney, } x^li quilibet.
Thomas Cogeyn, }

The condycon that Margaret Irysshe, wyff of Edmond, do personally appere before M^r. Wayte, Mayer of the seyd Cytye, thaldermen and Baylyes, uppon reasonable warnyng, yn the Guyld hall of the same Cyty, then and there to answere to all such thyngs as to hur shall be objected on the behalf of the Kyng and Quenes maiestyes. *Council Minute*, p. 49.

1555/56, March 13. *Extension of the Market Place.*

Yt ys agreed that the market place for byeng and sellyng of suche thyngs as have ben usually brought to be sold and bought at Carfox, shall extend from Carfax unto the lower end of the Cawsey, now begynnyng to be made. *Council Minute*, p. 50.

*The Costes and Charges paid by Thomas Winckle and John Wells, Baylifs of the Citye of Oxford, for Doctor Cranmer, from the xiiij^th daye of Februarye, An^o 1555, upon w^ch day he was condemned, untill the xxj^th daie of Marche then next followinge, on w^ch daye he suffred, and for his ij men by all y^t tyme, viz.—*

*Frydaye, xiiij^th daye of Februarye*, 1555.

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| *Dynner.* | First, bread and ale | viij^d | iiij^s viij^d |
| | Item, for linge | xij^d | |
| | Item, for thornbacke | xvj^d | |
| | Item, for fresshe salmon | vj^d | |
| | Item, for wyne | ij^d | |
| *Bever.* | Item, for bread and ale | iij^d | ix^d |
| | Item, for stued proynes and aples | iiij^d | |
| | Item, for wyne | ij^d | |

*Saterdaye* [*xv Feb.*].

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| *Dynner.* | Item, for bread and ale | viij^d | ij^s ix^d |
| | Item, for butter | ij^d | |
| | Item, for eggs | ij^d | |
| | Item, for linge | viij^d | |
| | Item, for pickerell | x^d | |
| | Item, cheese | j^d | |
| | Item, wyne | ij^d | |

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| *Supper.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ iij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for eggs and butter | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a disshe of roches | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a peece of linge | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, cheese and wyne | iij$^{d}$ | |

*Sundaye* [*xvj Feb.*].

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| *Dynner.* Item, for bread and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$ |
| Item, for boyled meate | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, rosted beefe | xviij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a henne | x$^{d}$ | |
| Item, cheese | j$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | ij$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ v$^{d}$ |
| Item, a shoulder of mutton | x$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a cople of plovers | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, cheese | j$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | ij$^{d}$ | |

*Mondaye* [*xvij Feb.*].

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| *Dynner.* Item, for bread and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, boyled meate | vij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a loyne of veale | xvj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a quarter of lambe | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, cheese and wyne | iij$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, for bread and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, boyled mutton | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, rosted mutton | xj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a capon | xvj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, cheese and wyne | iij$^{d}$ | |

*Tuesdaye* [*Feb. xviij*].

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| *Dynner.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iiij$^{s}$ |
| Item, boyled meate | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a brest of veale | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a capon | xviij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, cheese and wyne | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinckinge betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, boyled mutton | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a quarter of lambe | vij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a henne | x$^{d}$ | |
| Item, cheese and wyne | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a candell | vj$^{d}$ | |

*Asshewedensdaye* [*Feb. xix*].

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| *Dinner.* | Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a messe of brothe with eeles | iij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, oysters | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, herrings | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a piece of linge | viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a pickerell | x$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for wyne . . . . . | | |
| | . . . . . [44] | | |
| *Bever.* | Item, for breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, stued proynes | iiij$^{d}$ | xj$^{d}$ |
| | Item, figges and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for wyne | ij$^{d}$ | |

*Thursday* [*Feb. xx*].

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| *Dinner.* | Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, brothe w$^{th}$ eels | iij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, oysters | j$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, salt samon | vij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$ |
| | Item, roches | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, figgs and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for wyne | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, drinckinge betwixt mealis | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* | Item, for bread and ale | viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for herrings | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, a peece of linge | vij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ iij$^{d}$ |
| | Item, daces and roches | vj$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, figgs and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for wyne | ij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for suger and spices to dresse his meate w$^{th}$ for this weeke | xij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for candle and fyer in his chamber and to dresse his meate | x$^{s}$ | |
| | Item, for his barber and lawnder | viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for his bed and his mens bedd for the weeke | iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ | |
| | Item, for ij men to watch with him, everye one of them for daye and night viij$^{d}$, summo | ix$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ | |

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*Frydaye, the xxj^th^ daye of Februarye,* 1555.

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| *Dynner.* | Item, for breade and ale | viij^d^ | iij^s^ ij^d^ |
| | Item, for brothe w^th^ eeles | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, herrings | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, a piece of linge | viij^d^ | |
| | Item, a pickerell | xj^d^ | |
| | Item, figgs and almons | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, for wyne | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, for drincking betwixt meales | j^d^ | |
| *Bever.* | Item, for bread and ale | iij^d^ | x^d^ |
| | Item, stued proynes | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, figgs and almons | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, for wyne | ij^d^ | |

*Saterdaye [Feb. xxij].*

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Dynner.* | Item, for breade and ale | viij^d^ | ij^s^ x^d^ |
| | Item, brothe w^th^ eeles | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, oysters | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, herrings | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, linge | vij^d^ | |
| | Item, roches and daces | vj^d^ | |
| | Item, figgs and almons | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, wyne | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, drinckinge betwixt meales | j^d^ | |
| *Supper.* | Item, for breade and ale | viij^d^ | [ij^s^ v^d^] |
| | Item, herrings | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, a peece of linge | viij^d^ | |
| | Item, fried stockfisshe | vj^d^ | |
| | Item, figgs and almons | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, wyne | ij^d^ | |

*Sondaye [Feb. xxiij].*

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| *Dynner.* | Item, for breade and ale | viij^d^ | iij^s^ ix^d^ |
| | Item, brothe w^th^ eeles | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, oysters | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, herrings | iij^d^ | |
| | Item, a pickerell | xij^d^ | |
| | Item, a pye of fresshe salmon | xij^d^ | |
| | Item, figgs and almons | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, for wine | ij^d^ | |
| | Item, drinckinge betwixt meeles | j^d^ | |

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| *Supper.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a peece of linge | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, roches fryed | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, salt salmon | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wyne | ij$^{d}$ | |

*Mondaye* [*Feb. xxiv*].

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| *Dynner.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$ |
| Item, brothe w$^{th}$ eeles | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, oysters | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, fried stockfisshe | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, fresshe salmon | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figges, almons, and wine | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinckinge betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Bever.* Item, for breade and ale | iij$^{d}$ | x$^{d}$ |
| Item, for stued proynes | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wine | ij$^{d}$ | |

*Tuesdaye* [*Feb. xxv*].

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| *Dynner.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iiij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$ |
| Item, brothe w$^{th}$ eeles | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, oysters | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, linge | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, salt salmon | ix$^{d}$ | |
| Item, fried stockefisshe | v$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a pickerell | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs, almons, and wine | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinckinge betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$ |
| Item, herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, linge | ix$^{d}$ | |
| Item, salt salmon | vij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, roches and daces | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs, almons, and wine | iiij$^{d}$ | |

*Wedensdaye* [*Feb. xxvij*].

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| *Dynner.* Item, for bread and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$ |
| Item, brothe w$^{th}$ eeles | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, linge | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, fryed stock fisshe | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a disshe of eeles | v$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs, almons, and wine | iiij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinckinge betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Bever.* Item, for bread and ale | iij$^{d}$ | x$^{d}$ |
| Item, stued proynes | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, for wine | ij$^{d}$ | |

*Thursdaye* [*Feb. xxvij*].

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| *Dinner.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | iij$^{s}$ v$^{d}$ |
| Item, brothe w$^{th}$ eeles | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, oysters | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, linge | ix$^{d}$ | |
| Item, a pickerell | xj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wine | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, drinckinge betwixt meales | j$^{d}$ | |
| *Supper.* Item, for breade and ale | viij$^{d}$ | ij$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$ |
| Item, herrings | iij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, linge | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, salt salmon | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, roches | vj$^{d}$ | |
| Item, figgs and almons | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, wine | ij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, for suger and spices to dresse his meate w$^{th}$ for the whole weeke | xij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, for candle and fier in his chamber and to dresse his meate w$^{th}$ for the whole weeke | x$^{s}$ | |
| Item, for his barbor and lawnder | viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, for his bedd and his mens bedde for the weeke | iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ | |
| Item, for ij men to watche and warde w$^{th}$ him, every one of them for the daye and night viij$^{d}$, et summa | ix$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ | |

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*Fryday, the xx^th of Marche*, 1555.

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| *Dynner.* Item, for bread and ale . . | viij^d | ij^s xj^d |
| Item, worte porrege . . . . | iij^d | |
| Item, herrings . . . . | iij^d | |
| Item, linge . . . . . | vj^d | |
| Item, a pickerell . . . . | xj^d | |
| Item, figgs and almons . . . | ij^d | |
| Item, in wine . . . . . | ij^d | |
| Item, for suger and spices to dresse his meate w^th for the whole weeke . . . | xij^d | |
| Item, for candle and fier in his chamber and to dress his meate w^th for the whole weeke . . . . . | x^s | |
| Item, for his barbo^r and lawnder . . | viij^d | |
| Item, for his bedd and his mens for the weeke . . . . . | iiij^s viij^d | |
| Item, for ij men to watche and warde w^th him, eache of them viij^d, daye and night . | ix^s iiij^d | |

Item, chardges layd out and paide for the burninge of Cranmer as followethe :—

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| First, for a C of wood fagots . . . | vj^s | xj^s iiij^d |
| Item, halfe a hundrethe of furze faggots . | iij^s iiij^d | |
| Item, for the cariage of y^em . . . | viij^d | |
| Item, p^d to ij laborers . . . | xvj^d | |

1555/6, Mar. 23. *Archbishop Cranmer's Death, related by a Bystander.*

But that I know for our great friendship, and long-continued love, you look even of duty that I should signify to you of the truth of such things as here chanceth among us, I would not at this time have written to you the unfortunate end and doubtful tragedy of T. C., late Bishop of Canterbury, because I little pleasure take in beholding of such heavy sights ; and when they are once overpassed, I like not to rehearse them again, being but a renewing of my woe, and doubling my grief. For although his former life and wretched end deserves a greater misery (if any greater might have chanced than chanced unto him), yet, setting aside his offences to God and his country, and beholding the man without his faults, I think there was none that pitied not his case and bewailed not his fortune, and feared not his own chance, to see so noble a prelate, so grave a counsellor, of so long-continued honour, after so many dignities, in his

old years to be deprived of his estate, adjudged to die, and in so painful a death to end his life.

I have no delight to increase it; alas, it is too much of itself that ever so heavy a case should betide to man, and man to deserve it.

But to come to the matter. On Saturday last, being 21 of March, was his day appointed to die. And because the morning was much rainy, the sermon appointed by Mr. Dr. Cole to be made at the stake was made in St. Mary's Church, whither Dr. Cranmer was brought by the Mayor and Aldermen, and my Lord Williams; with whom came divers gentlemen of the shire, Sir T. A. Bridges, Sir John Browne, and others. Where was prepared, over against the pulpit, an high place for him, that all the people might see him. And when he had ascended it, he kneeled him down and prayed, weeping tenderly; which moved a great number to tears, that had conceived an assured hope of his conversion and repentance.

Then Mr. Cole began his sermon. The sum whereof was this: first, he declared causes why it was expedient that he should suffer, notwithstanding his reconciliation. The chief are these. One was for that he had been a great cause of all this alteration in this realm of England. And when the matter of the divorce between King Henry VIII. and Queen Katharine was commenced in the Court of Rome, he, having nothing to do with it, set upon it as judge, which was the entry to all the inconveniences that followed. Yet in that he excused him, that he thought he did it not of malice, but by the persuasions and advice of certain learned men. Another was, that he had been the great setter forth of all this heresy received into the Church in this last time; had written in it, had disputed, had continued it, even to the last hour: and that it had never been seen in this realm (but in the time of schism) that any man continuing so long hath been pardoned, and that it was not to be remitted for ensample's sake. Other causes he alleged, but these were the chief, why it was not thought good to pardon him. Other causes besides, he said, moved the Queen and the Council thereto, which were not meet and convenient for every one to understand them.

The second part touched the audience, how they should consider this thing; that they should hereby take example to fear God, and that there was no power against the Lord: having before their eyes a man of so high degree, sometime one of the chiefest prelates of the Church, an Archbishop, the chief of the Council, the second peer in the realm of long time: a man, as might be thought, in greatest assurance, a king of his side; notwithstanding all his authority and defence to be debased from an high estate to a low degree; of

a counsellor to be a caitiff; and to be set in so wretched estate, that the poorest wretch would not change conditions with him.

The last and end appertained unto him: whom he comforted and encouraged to take his death well, by many places of Scripture. And with these, and such, bidding him nothing mistrust but he should incontinently receive that the thief did: to whom Christ said, *Hodie mecum erit in paradiso.* And out of St. Paul armed him against the terrors of the fire by this; *Dominus fidelis est: Non sinet vos tentari ultra quam ferre potestis;* by the example of the three children, to whom God made the flame seem like pleasant dew. He added hereunto the rejoicing of St. Andrew in his cross; the patience of St. Lawrence on the fire; ascertaining him that God, if he called on Him, and to such as die in His faith, either will abate the fury of the flame, or give him strength to abide it. He glorified God much in his conversion, because it appeared to be only His work; declaring what travel and conference had been with him to convert him, and all prevailed not, till it pleased God of His mercy to reclaim him, and call him home. In discoursing of which place he much commended Cranmer, and qualified his former doing.

And I had almost forgotten to tell you that Mr. Cole promised him that he should be prayed for in every church in Oxford, and should have Mass and *Dirige* sung for him; and speak to all the priests present to say Mass for his soul.

When he had ended his sermon, he desired all the people to pray for him: Mr. Cranmer kneeling down with them, and praying for himself. I think there was never such a number so earnestly praying together. For they that hated him before, now loved him for his conversion, and hope of continuance. They that loved him before could not suddenly hate him, having hope of his confession again of his fall. So love and hope increased devotion of every side.

I shall not need for the time of sermon to describe his behaviour, his sorrowful countenance, his heavy cheer, his face bedewed with tears; sometime lifting his eyes to heaven in hope, sometime casting them down to the earth for shame: to be brief, an image of sorrow; the dolour of his heart bursting out at his eyes in plenty of tears: retaining ever a quiet and grave behaviour. Which increased the pity in men's hearts, that they unfeignedly loved him, hoping it had been his repentance for his transgression and error. I shall not need, I say, to point it out unto you: you can much better imagine it yourself.

When praying was done, he stood up, and having leave to speak, said, Good people, I had intended indeed to desire you to pray for me; which because Mr. Doctor hath desired, and you have done

already, I thank you most heartily for it. And now will I pray for myself, as I could best devise for mine own comfort, and say the prayer, word for word as I have here written it. And he read it, standing; and after kneeled down, and said the Lord's Prayer: and all the people on their knees devoutly praying with him. [His prayer was thus]:

O Father of heaven; O Son of God, Redeemer of the world; O God Holy Ghost, proceeding from them both, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon me, most wretched caitiff, and miserable sinner: who have offended both heaven and earth, and more grievously than any tongue can express; whither then may I go, or whither should I fly for succour? To heaven I may be ashamed to lift up mine eyes; and in earth I find no refuge or succour. What shall I then do? Shall I despair? God forbid! O good God, Thou art merciful, and refusest none that cometh unto Thee for succour. To Thee, therefore, do I run. To Thee do I humble myself; saying, O Lord God, my sins be great, but yet have mercy upon me, for Thy great mercy. O God the Son, Thou wast not made, this great mystery was not wrought that God became man, for few or small offences. Nor Thou didst not give Thy Son unto death (O God the Father) for our little and small sins only, but for all the greatest sins of the world: so that the sinner return unto Thee with a penitent heart, as I do here at this present.

Wherefore, have mercy upon me, O Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. For although my sins be great, yet Thy mercy is greater. I crave nothing, O Lord, for mine own merits, but for Thy Name's sake, that it may be glorified thereby; and for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake. And now, therefore, Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

[And] then rising, he said, Every man desireth, good people, at the time of their deaths, to give some good exhortation, that other may remember after their deaths, and be the better thereby. So I beseech God grant me grace that I may speak something at this my departing, whereby God may be glorified, and you edified.

First, it is an heavy case to see that many folks be so much doted upon the love of this false world, and so careful for it, that on the love of God, or the love of the world to come, they seem to care very little, or nothing therefore. This shall be my first exhortation; that you set not over much by this false glosing world, but upon God and the world to come; and learn to know what this lesson meaneth, which St. John teacheth, *That the love of this world is hatred against God.*

The second exhortation is, That, next unto God, you obey your king and queen willingly and gladly, without murmur or grudging; and not for fear of them only, but much more for the fear of God: knowing that they be God's ministers, appointed by God to rule and govern you. And therefore whoso resisteth them resisteth God's ordinance.

The third exhortation is, That you love all together like brethren and sistern. For alas! pity it is to see what contention and hatred one Christian man hath to another, not taking each other as sisters and brothers; but rather as strangers and mortal enemies. But I pray you learn and bear well away this one lesson, To do good to all men as much as in you lieth, and to hurt no man, no more than you would hurt your own natural and loving brother or sister. For this you may be sure of, that whosoever hurteth any person, and goeth about maliciously to hinder him, surely, and without all doubt, God is not with that man, although he think himself never so much in God's favour.

The fourth exhortation shall be to them that have great substance and riches of this world, That they will well consider and weigh those sayings of the Scripture. One is of our Saviour Christ Himself, who saith, *It is hard for a rich man to enter into heaven:* a sore saying, and yet spoken by Him that knew the truth. The second is of St. John, whose saying is this, *He that hath the substance of this world, and seeth his brother in necessity, and shutteth up his mercy from him, how can he say he loveth God?* Much more might I speak of every part, but time sufficeth not.

I do but put you in remembrance of things, Let all them that be rich ponder well these sentences; for if ever they had any occasion to shew their charity, they have now at this present, the poor people being so many, and victuals so dear. [For though I have been long in prison, yet I have heard of the great penury of the poor.] Consider that that which is given to the poor is given to God; whom we have not otherwise present corporally with us but in the poor.

And now for so much as I am come to the last end of my life, whereupon hangeth all my life passed, and my life to come, either to live with my Saviour Christ in heaven in joy, or else to be in pain ever with wicked devils in hell; and I see before mine eyes presently either heaven ready to receive me, or hell ready to swallow me up: I shall therefore declare unto you my very faith, how I believe, without coulour or dissimulation: for now is no time to dissemble, whatsoever I have written in times past.

First, I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, &c., and every article of the Catholic faith, every word and

sentence taught by our Saviour Christ, His Apostles, and prophets in the Old and New Testament.

And now I come to the great thing that troubleth my conscience more than any other thing ever I said or did in my life, and that is the setting abroad of writings contrary to the truth. Which here now I renounce and refuse as things written with my hand contrary to the truth, which I thought in my heart, and written for fear of death, and to save my life if it might be; and that is all such bills which I have written, or signed with mine own hand, since my degradation, wherein I have written many things untrue. And forasmuch as my hand offended in writing contrary to my heart, therefore my hand shall first be punished, for if I may come to the fire it shall be first burned. And as for the Pope, I refuse him, as Christ's enemy and anti-christ, with all his false doctrine.

And here, being admonished of his recantation and dissembling, he said, Alas, my lord, I have been a man that all my life loved plainness, and never dissembled till now against the truth; which I am most sorry for it. He added hereunto, that, for the sacrament, he believed as he had taught in his book against the Bishop of Winchester. And here he was suffered to speak no more.

So that his speech contained chiefly three points, love to God, love to the King, and love to the neighbour. In the which talk he held men very suspense, which all depended upon the conclusion: wherein he so far deceived all men's expectations that, at the hearing thereat, they were much amazed; and let him go on a while till my lord Williams bad him play the Christen man and remember himself. To whom he answered, That he so did, for now he spake truth.

Then was he carried away; and a great number, that did run to see him go so wickedly to his death, ran after him exhorting him, while time was, to remember himself. And one Friar John, a godly and well-learned man, all the way travelled with him to reduce him. But it would not be. What they said in particular I cannot tell, but the effect appeared in the end; for at the stake he professed that he died in all such opinions as he had taught, and oft repented him of his recantation. And confirmed his former saying, that because his hand had offended it should be first burned. And so he died.

Coming to the stake with a cheerful countenance and willing mind, he put off his garments with haste, and stood upright in his shirt; and a bachelor of divinity, named Elye, of Brazen-nose College, laboured to convert him to his former recantation, with the two Spanish friars. And when the friars saw his constancy, they said

in Latin one to another, *Let us go from him; we ought not to be nigh him, for the devil is with him.* But the bachelor in divinity was more earnest with him: unto whom he answered that, as concerning his recantation he repented it right sore, because he knew it was against the truth; with other words more. Whereby the lord Williams cried, Make short, make short. Then the Bishop took certain of his friends by the hand. But the bachelor of divinity refused to take him by the hand, and blamed all others that so did, and said, that he was sorry that ever he came in his company. And yet again he required him to agree to his former recantation.

And the Bishop answered (shewing his hand), this was the hand that wrote it, therefore shall it suffer first punishment. Fire being now put to him he stretched out his right hand, and thrust it into the flame, and held it there a good space, before the fire came to any other part of his body; when his hand was seen of every man sensibly burning, crying with a loud voice, *This hand hath offended.* As soon as the fire got up, he was very soon dead, never stirring or crying all the while.

His patience in the torment, his courage in dying, if it had been taken either for the glory of God, the wealth of his country, or the testimony of truth, as it was for a pernicious error and subversion of true religion, I could worthily have commended the example, and matched it with the fame of any father of ancient time; but, seeing that not the death, but cause and quarrel thereof commendeth the sufferer, I cannot but much dispraise his stubbornness and sturdiness in dying, and specially in so evil a cause.

Surely his death much grieved every man; but not after one sort. Some pitied to see his body so tormented with the fire raging upon the silly carcase, that counted not of the folly. Other that passed not much of the body lamented, to see him spill his soul, wretchedly, without redemption, to be plagued for ever. His friends sorrowed for love; his enemies for pity; strangers for a common kind of humanity, whereby we are bound one to another. Thus I have enforced myself, for your sake, to discourse this heavy narration, contrary to my mind, and, being more than half weary, I make a short end, wishing you a quieter life, with less honour; and easier death, with more praise.

The 23 March,
Yours, J. A.[45]

*Harl. MS.* 422, fol. 48—52.

[45] This letter, with some slight variations, is printed by Strype in his Memorials of Archbishop Cranmer.

1556, May 2. *Depositions in answer to Interrogatories administered on the behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Community of Oxford, concerning the opposition to their claim of jurisdiction in Walton Manor.*

Baudwyn Neede, of Wolvercote, in the county of Oxon, husbondman, sworne, &c.

To the first and second he saith, that trew yt is that the same Atkyns and Clynton, namyd in thes Interrogatories, dyd sytt as Coroners, at the daye and place articuled, upon the viewe of the bodye of the same Frideswide Taylor, lyeng dede before them. And saith that John Smith, baylye to Dr. George Owen, dyd ther forbydd them to sytt theron, sayng they had no auctorytie so to sytt ther, and tolde them that the Coroner of the Shire had sent furth his precepte for the same. And that he, the Coroner of the Shire, wolde sytt upon the viewe of the same bodye; and the same two Coroners sayde ageyne that yt was w$^{th}$in theyr liberty, and that they wolde sytt theron, and so they contynewyd in talk therof.

To the iij$^{rd}$ he saith, he know$^{th}$ that the table standyng there before them was throwne downe, but who hurled yt downe he saithe he knowith not; but he sawe the same M$^{r}$. Owens bayly, take up the clothe that was on the table before the same two Coroners.

To the iiij$^{th}$ he saith, the same two Coroners wer not thrust downe the stayers, nor put furthe of the dores, but went furth of themselfes w$^{th}$oute any violence or force as he saithe.

To the v$^{th}$ he saith, ther was a greate nomeber of persons that resorted thithere to the same house to se the same deade body; w$^{th}$ the same M$^{r}$. Owens bayly he saith there was John Collyns, clerc, and oone other of M$^{r}$. Owens horsekepers, whose name he know$^{th}$ not.

To the vj$^{th}$ he saith, he came thither to se the dede bodye, as dyverse other dyd, as he was goyng to Oxford market, and he came not thither by any mans commandment or procurement as he saith.

To the vij$^{th}$ he denye$^{th}$ any threats ther gyven for his partye, or for any other, to his knowledge.

To the viij$^{th}$ and ix$^{th}$ he saith, ther was aboute vj persons that watched the same howse and the dede bodye by all the nighte folowyng, by the commandn$^{t}$ of the constable, but what they wer, or what resorte was thither to them, he know$^{th}$ not, nor was present therat.

To the x, xj, and xij he confessith, that on the nexte morowe this depo$^{t}$ was ther present and sawe the Mayo$^{r}$ of Oxford ther, w$^{th}$ the mase borne before him, who ther causyd proclamation to be made

that all the persons there assemblyed shoulde avoyde the . . . . che, notw$^{th}$standyng he saith they ther tarryed by the space of two howres after, and dyd not departe, as he saith, bycause the same Mayer had no auctorytie to make proclamation in that lybertye. He saith ther wer ther w$^{th}$ this deponent and the same bayly, Hughe Weller, John Ferror, Nicholas Daye, John Collyns, Richard Owen, and of other persons that came thither to se and gase, above CC persons, as he saithe.

To the xiij he confesseth, that they refusyd to obey the Mayer and his proclamation in that place, bycause yt was a lybertye of hitselfe, but he denyeth that they mockyd or scornyd the same.

To the xiiij$^{th}$, he denyeth the castyng of stones or old shoes at the same Mayer and Aldermen by any person, to his sight or knowledge.

To the xv, xvj, and xvij he saith, that the same Thomas Cartwrighte, the serjeaunte, dyd w$^{th}$ his mase, when he pressyd in at the gate, thrust at oone Nicholas Daye. The whiche Nicholas dyd there sett hande on the mase and holde the same, and the serjeaunte pullyd hard, and so the hedd of the mase fell of, whiche the serjeaunte toke, and no parte therof was lost. And otherwise denyeth thes interrogatories to be trewe for his partye, or for any othere, to his knowledge.

Hughe Weller, of Wolvercote aforesaid, husbondman, sworne, &c.

To the first and second he saith, that at the tyme articuled this deponent being benethe in the courte of the house specifyed in thes interogatories, dyd knowe that the two Coroners namyd in the same wer above in the chamber, there to have sytten upon the viewe of the same dede bodye. And that they wer there letted and interrupted by John Somersbye, bayly of the hundred of Norgate, but by what words he knoweth not, for he was not present therat.

To the iij$^{rd}$ and iiij$^{th}$ he saith, he herde saye that the same bayly dyd then hurle downe the table before them too Coroners, and wolde not suffer them to sytt ther, bycause yt was w$^{th}$oute theyr lybertyes; but he knoweth not, nor herde that they wer thrust downe the stayers, or put furth at the dores by any person.

To the v$^{th}$ he saith, ther wer there in company w$^{th}$ the same bayly aboute a xx$^{ti}$ persons of suche as he had somonid to be there, but theyre names he remembrith not.

To the vj$^{th}$ he saith, he was then there as oone somoned by the saide bayly to be of the jury upon the viewe of the same dede bodye.

To the vij he denyeth any threats ther gyven by this depo$^{t}$, or by any other, to his knowledge.

To the viij and ix he saith, he herde saye that ther was certen of the same baylyes company that tarryed ther all the nexte nighte, and watched the same dede bodye, wherat he saith he was not present.

To the x, xj, and xij he saith, that on the nexte morrowe the Mayor of Oxford, and his bretherne the Aldermen, came thither w$^{th}$ the mase borne before them, but of the makyng of any proclamation ther he saith he know$^{th}$ not. And they ther contynewyd together untyll the Coroner of the Shire was come, and had sytten on the viewe of the same dede bodye.

To the xiij and xiiij he denyeth these interrog' to be true for his partye, or for any other, to his knowledge.

To the xv, xvj, and xvij he saith, by reporte that the same serieaunt to the Mayer dyd offer to stryke Nicholas Daye w$^{th}$ his mase. And that the same Nicholas therupon dyd laye hands upon the same mase, and so they pullyd yt betweene them, that the hedde therof flew of; whiche this depo$^{t}$ saith he sawe not, there was suche a presse of people aboute them, and more of the contents of this interr' he know$^{th}$ not.

Nicholas Daye, of Wolvercote aforesaid, myller, sworne, &c.

To the first and second he saith, that trew yt is that the same Coroners namyd in this interr' dyd sytt at the tyme and place articuled upon the viewe of the same dede bodye. And saith that there and then oone Collyns, steward to M$^{r}$. Owen, dyd take up the cloth that laye on the table before them and forbyd them to sytt, as he saithe, and sayd they had no auctorytie to sytt in that place.

To the iij$^{rd}$ and iiij$^{th}$ he saith, the table ther fell downe, but how yt came downe he knoweth not. And he denyeth that the same two Coroners wer ther thrust downe the stayers, or put furthe of the dores, but they departyd thens peaseably, aftere they wer so forbydden, and no violence usyd to them.

To the v and vj he saith there was there w$^{th}$ the same Steward Baldwyn Nede and John Smith w$^{th}$ this deponent, and no mo persons of his knowledge. He saith he came thither only to see the same dede bodye as he come frome market, and by no other commaundyment or procurement.

To the vij$^{th}$ he denyeth any threats ther spoken by this deponent, or any other, to his knowledge.

To the viij and ix he confessith that this deponent and Hugh Nede, with iiij other persons whose names he know$^{th}$ not, dyd tarry there the nexte night, and watchid the same deade bodye by the commandyment of the constable, and they had no weapons, as he saithe. And saith ther resorted in the nighte tyme to them dyverse

scollers and other people of Oxford, whiche came to se the same dede bodye.

To the x, xj, and xij he saith, that on the nexte morrowe the Mayer of Oxforde came thither, w$^{th}$ the mase borne before him, and ther wolde have come into the howse, whome they kepte furthe, and kepte the gates agynst him ; and he denyeth any proclamation to be there made to his heryng, and saythe ther wer there of the same stewards company aboute an viij or x persons, the more parte whereof wer to this deponent unknowen.

To the xiij and xiiij he denyeth thes interrogatories to be trewe for his partye or for any othere to his knowledge.

To the xv, xvj, and xvij he confessith that at the tyme that the same Mayer dyd presse to co . . . . the same Thomas Cartwrighte, the serjeaunte, strake this deponent, keping the same gate w$^{th}$ the mase, whiche this deponent bare of, and w$^{th}$ the same stroke the hedde of the mase fell of, whiche the serjeaunte had agyne as he saith, and otherwise he denyeth thes interrogatories to be trew for his partye.

Richard Collyns, of Wolvercote aforesaid, sworne, &c.

To the first, second, iij$^{rd}$, and iiij$^{th}$, he saith, he knoweth that the same two Coroners at the tyme and place articuled dyd sytt on the viewe of the same dede bodye, and that oone M$^{r}$. Collyns, clerc, and John Somersbye, bayly of the hundred, ther dyd forbydde them ther to sytt, and toke up the clothe from the table before them, and so ther they rose, and in theyr risyng the table fell downe. And saith they departyd quyetly w$^{th}$oute any violence done to them, and they wer not thrust down the stayrs, or put furth of the d . . . .

To the v$^{th}$ he saith, ther wer w$^{th}$ the same steward and bayly this deponent, Nicholas Daye, Hughe Nede, and John Smith, and no mo persons of that partye.

To the vj$^{th}$ he saith, he came thither as he came frome Oxford market, only to se the same dede bodye, and by no other procurement, as he sayth.

To the vij he denyeth this interr. to be trewe.

To the viij and ix he denyeth that he tarryed ther all nighte to watche the same howse, but saith he herde saye that v or vj other persons dyd.

To the x, xj, and xij$^{th}$ he saith, that on the nexte morowe the Mayer of Oxford came thither w$^{th}$ the mase borne before hym, but he made not ther any proclamation as he saithe. And this deponent tarryed ther after the Mayers departure two howres, untyll the Coroner of the shire had sytte . . . . bodye, and ther wer there assemblyd about CCC people, but of the same steward and baylyfs company there wer not above xij persons.

To the xiij and xiiij he denyeth thes interr. to be trewe.

To the xv, xvj, and xvij he saith, he sawe no person laye hands upon the same serjeaunte, but the same serjeaunte dyd ther stryke Nicholas Daye w$^{th}$ his mase, and with the same stroke the hed of the mase fell of. And more of thes interr. he know$^{th}$ not, and denyeth the same to be trew for his partye.

John Ferror, of Wolvercote aforesaide, servaunt to M$^{r}$. George Owen, sworne, &c.

To the first, second, iij$^{d}$, iiij$^{th}$ he confessith that he was present when John Collyns, clerc, steward to Mr. Owen, when he and the bayly of the hundred there dyd forbyd the same two Coroners named in this interr. to sytt upon the view of the same dedde bodye, and sayd they had no auctorytie ther to sytt, and so they toke up the carpet from the borde, and then the same Coroners rose, and at theyr rysyng the table fell downe, and they departyd w$^{th}$oute any violence at all done to them, as he saithe.

To the v$^{th}$ he saith, that ther wer there in company w$^{th}$ the same steward and bayly iiij or v persons, and not above, to his knowledge.

To the vj he sayth that he came thyther as he came to Oxford market, and when he was ther the same bayly commaundyd hym to tarry ther.

To the vij he denyeth this interr. to be trew for his partye, or for any other to hys knowledge.

To the viij and ix he denyeth that he watched ther all nighte, nor knowth what persons so dyd.

To the x, xj and xij he confessythe that he was present ther the morow after, when the Mayo$^{r}$ of Oxford came thyther, and had his mase borne before him, and ther made proclamation that all persons shulde avoyde thens, and this deponent notw$^{th}$standinge dyd tarry ther styll untyll the Coroner of the Shire had ther sytten uppon the vyewe of the same dead bodye, and saythe ther was then and ther present at that tyme CCC persons of all people, but of the same baylyes company not above a xx$^{ti}$ persons as he saythe.

To the xiij and xiiij he denyeth thes interr. to be trew in any parte therof to his knowledge.

To the xv, xvj, and xvij he saythe by heresaye that the serjeaunts mase was ther broken, but howe the same came broken he know$^{th}$ not, for he coulde not se for presse of people, nor can depose any thinge ells of these interr., and denyethe same to be trewe for his partye.

Hugh Neede, of Wolvercote aforesaid, husbandman, sworne and examyned, &c.

To the first, seconde, iij$^{rd}$, and iiij$^{th}$ he confesseth that he was

present when Mr. Owens steward and bayly dyd there forbydd the same Coroners to sytt upon the viewe of the same dede bodye, and toke up the carpet from the table, and therw$^{th}$all they rose, and the table fell downe, but how yt came downe he saith he knoweth not. And so the same two Coroners departyd w$^{th}$oute any violence done to them, as he saith.

To the v$^{th}$ he saith, ther wer ther present w$^{th}$ the same steward and bayly this deponent, Nicholas Deye, John Smith, and no mo persons of that company, as he saith.

To the vj he saith, he came thither only to se the dede bodye as he wus goyng to Oxford market, and being there the bayly of the hundred commaundyd him to tarry ther styll.

To the vij he deyeth this Interr. to be trewe for his partye or for any other, to his knowledge.

To the viij and ix he saith, he watched the same dede bodye all nighte by the baylyes commaundy$^{t}$, in the company of Nicholas Deye and vj or vij person mo, which this deponent knew not. And this deponent had a lytell cogell, and the rest had staves, and saith there wer dyverse of the towne of Oxford that resorted thither to se the dede bodye whiche this deponent knew not.

To the x, xj, and xij he saith, that trew yt is that the Mayer of Oxford come thither on the nexte morowe and made there proclamation that all persons shulde avoyde thens. And this deponent saith that he and his saide company being w$^{th}$in master Owens lybertye dyd tarry there styll, bycause the saide Mayer had no auctorytie ther. And saith there were there of them ther present and of theyre company about a xx$^{ti}$ persons.

To the xiij and xiiij he denyeth this interr' to be trewe for his partye or for any other, to his knowledge.

To the xv, xvj, and xvij he denyeth that ther wer any violent hands layde upon the same serjeaunte by any person ther, but saith the same sergeaunt dyd ther in pressing in at the gate stryke w$^{th}$ his mase oone Nicholas Daye, and w$^{th}$ that stroke the mase broke. And more therof he knoweth not, and denyeth this interr' to be trew, for his partie or for any other, to his knowledge. *City Records.*

[1556.] *The Replicacion of the Maior, Aldermen, and Comminaltie of the Cetie of Oxford to the answere of Hewgh Welter, Baldwen Nede, Nicholas Day, and Richard Collyns, Hewgh Nede, and John Farrer, and others defendaunts.*

[illegible]e said Maior, Aldermen, and Comminaltie doe replye and [illegible]nd every of them replyeth and sayeth in every matter,

article, and sentence as before in their said bill of complaint they have said, with that also that they will aver and meynteyne all and every matter and matters, thing and things, in their said byll of compleint mencyoned and alleiged to be good and trew in manor and forme, as in the said bill they be declared, and further replye that they have usid tyme out of mynde to chuse amonge them selffe fremen of the seid Cetye, and of the Aldermen of the same, too Coroners, to execute and use the office of Coroner in the seid Cetye, suburbs, and libertyes of the same in all suche matters and usis as belongith to the office of a Coroner to doe and use; and that the said Mayer, and Aldermen, and Comminaltie of the seid Cetye did laufully and accordyng to their ancyent custom chuse the said Richard Atkynson, and Edward Glynton in the said bill of complaint mencioned to be ther Coroners in the said Cetye and liberties of the same. And that the said Coroners did sitt according to ther office att Walton w^th^in the liberties of the said Cetye upon the vew of the deed body of the said Friswide Teiler then ded, makyng inquere therof till by the said def they were riatusly disturbed in maner and forme as in the said bill of complaint is alegid; and that the said defendants did hurle downe the table before the said Coroners, and thruste the said Coroners downe the steyrs of the said chamber, and after put them out of the dore, in maner and forme as in the said bill of complaint is truly alegid, and thretenid the said Coroners also; and that ther resortid to the said defendants during the space of the said two days in the said bill of complaint mencionid, riatusly the said number of M persons as in manner and forme as in the said bill of complaint is truly alegid. And that the Mayer and Aldermen of the seid Cetye havyng ther mase, havyng the Quenes maiesties armes borne before them, repayrid to the seid riatus persons beyng w^th^in there libertie, and made proclamation therin according to the state of unlawfull assembles, that every one shuld departe, and that the said evill and riatus persons did not only make ther [stay there], but did dispyse the said proclamation in maner and forme as in the said bill of complaint truly is alegid; and furthermore the seid complainants meynteyne all other matters and sentences in the said bill of complaint mencioned to be good and trew in maner and forme as in the said bill truly is alegid; w^th^owt that, that the said house is a mano^r^ place called Walton House, sett and scituate w^t^in and of the countie of Oxford, for the said complainants say that the said house is called Walton Farme, and is scituat and sett w^th^in the liberties and fraunchescis of the said Cetie, and is in the hundred of Bullington, otherwise callid the hundrett w^t^out the northgate

parcell of the said countie, w$^{t}$in the liberties of the said complaynants; for they the said complaynants do replie and say that the said farme callid Walton Farme is scituate in Stockewell, which seid strete is holy w$^{t}$in the liberties and franchesis of the said Cetye of Oxfourth and . . . . gildable; and withowt that the said Roger Taylor *alias* Cooke, late husband to the said Frideswide, the said xxv$^{th}$ day of August, was farmer of the said manor place, to the said George Owen, to the knowledge of thes complaynants; for they sey it is noo manor place as is abovesaid, or that the said George Owen then and ther before, that was and yett is seissed of the said mano$^{r}$ place in his demesne as of fee in quiett and peaceable mano$^{r}$ w$^{th}$owt lett or disturbance of eny person, or that the said Maior and Aldermen of the said Cetie, w$^{th}$ the number of too hundred persones did come to the said manor place, the said xxv$^{th}$ day of August and the daie folowing, in riattus manor w$^{th}$ bowes, billes and other wepons of warre, or did entre forcibly into a chamber of the same mano$^{r}$ place, or ther contynewed in riattous and forcible mano$^{r}$ in mano$^{r}$ and forme, as in the said answere untruly and slaunderouslie is alleiged, or enterid, or came in to the seid housse called Walton in eny other maner or number of persons, or to eny other intent then in the seid bill of complaint is truly alegid and mencioned, and w$^{th}$owt that, also that they said defendaunts or eny of them came and resorted unto the said market place by reason of the market holden in the said Cetie of Oxford, the said xxv day of August; for the said compleynants replye, and sey that the markett day of Oxfourth was then holden the xxiiij day of August, and not the xxv day as the said defendants have answerid, or that the said market or faire standith nere the heigh way ne for eny other surmised excuse or matter in mano$^{r}$ and forme as the said defendants untruly have alleiged.

And the said compleynts sey that ther resorted to the said defendants no other persons ne estrangers either of scollers or of the countrey, but suche persons as the said defendants had associatt, and conjured to them of ther riatus behaviours, by occasion of ther said riatus assemble the said Mayer and Aldermen repayrid thedur and made ther proclamation in manner and forme as in the said bill of compleynt truly is alegid. Without that, that the said defendants, or eny of them, did see the said Maior and other of the said Cetie of Oxford assemble them selffs in riattous manor in the said house of their M$^{r}$ and landlord, or that they the said defendants, or eny of them, did or doe knowe the same place, called Walton House, to be w$^{th}$owt the liberties of the said Cetie of Oxford; or that the said defendants ar ignorant or unknowing that the said Cetie had noe libertie to

have and chose Coroners, or to use or exercisse the jurisdiction of Coroners w$^{th}$in the said Cetie and liberties of the same; for the said complaynants replyen and sayen that the said farme or house called Walton farme house is w$^{th}$in the liberties of the said Cetie of Oxford, and not w$^{th}$owt, w$^{th}$ that also that they have libertie and auctorytie to chose Coroners w$^{th}$in the said Cetye, and to use and excercisse th' office of Coronere w$^{th}$in the said Cetie and liberties of the same, and so have usid of tyme out of memorye, as by suche eleccon and chusinge of Coroners w$^{th}$in the said Cetye time out of mynde usid, shalbe directly provid w$^{th}$out that, that the said Robart Huckvall, being one of the Coroners of the said countie of Oxford, had eny thing to doo or ought to medle to execute thoffice of a Coroner at the said place called Walton House, w$^{th}$in the seid liberties of the seid Cetye, or ever usid so to do; or that he, the said Coroner, either found or saw the number of tow hundred persons and above, of the said Cetie of Oxford, assembled ther w$^{th}$ the said Mayer, w$^{th}$ swords and other wepons in riattous manor, in manor as in the said answere untruly is alleiged; and w$^{th}$owt that also, that the said complaynaunts did w$^{th}$ force and violence resiste the said Coroner to do his office, or that they riattously assembled, did contynew in riattous manor in keping the possession of the said house or farme, and dead body ther lying, or w$^{th}$ force drove away the said Coroners of the said countie, or the said defendants, from the said place wher the dead bodie laye, being ther in quiet and lawfull manor, or that ther was eny sturre or ruffle emong the people by reason of eny misdemenor of the said complaynants, or that the said complaynaunts did evill intreat the said defendants, or did pull and tere the clothes of diverse of their backs in manor and forme as in the said bill of complaint untruly is alleiged; and w$^{th}$owt that, that the said Thomas Cartwright, bering the mase, presed or offered to stricke w$^{th}$ the mase certen of the defendants, and w$^{th}$owt that also, that the said Maior and Comminaltie unjustly claymed and attempted to have liberties w$^{th}$in other places of the said countie or ther, or that any unjust attempte or clayme by them made for eny liberties or jurisdiction was tried against them in eny accion commensed against them at the comen law, in mano$^{r}$ and forme as in the said answere untruly is alleiged; and w$^{th}$owt that, that the said complaynants did riattously take away the said William Lewes, one of the defendants, or caried him by force into the said Cetie, or did wrongfully deteyne the said Willyam Lewes, defendant, in prison one day and one night; or that the said complaynants gave eny occacion of mysdemenor, sturr, or busynes by eny their proclamations or doyings, in mano$^{r}$ and forme as the said defendants in their said answere untruly have alleiged.

*City Records.*

1556, May 15. *Presentation to the Church of Saint Aldate.*

[Henry Hughes presented by the Crown to the church of Saint Aldate, on the resignation of Thomas Havarde, LL.B.]

*Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1556, May 15. *Money collected for the Kendalmen.*

Yt ys agreed that the Serjaunts shall geve knowlege to these persons underwrytten when the Kendalmen com to the Towne :—

Mr. Atkynson,
Mr. Mallynson,
Mr. Prestwod,
Mr. Gyberd,
} ar appoynted for the gatheryng uppe of money of the Kendalmen.

*Council Minute.*

1556, July 8. *Mr. Wayte. John Barton elected one of the eight Assistants, and order for Crypley.*

Yt ys agreyd that Mr. Wayte, now beyng Mayer, and all other hereafter that shall be chosen Mayer forthe of the nomber of the viij persons, shall have rome and place next to the Aldermen of the same Cytye as yn all places, and to sytt uppon the benche yn the Guylde hall, and to ware hys apparell as an Alderman, except the scarlett cloke.

Item, die et anno supradict' Joh'es Barton elect' est in officio unius Oct' personarum existenc' assistenc' Maiori et Aldermannis.

Item, yt ys agreed that Mr. Mayer, thaldermen, the Baylyes, and the viij Assystens, shall take ordre for Crypley, and not conclude to any thyng wythowt the concent of the Councell of thys Cytye, and also for certen persons beyng ffysshers. *Council Minute*, 48.

1556, Aug. 28. *Order taken for the Bochers Shoppes by senyorytie.*

At a Counsaill holden the xxviij^th day of August, in the thirde and forthe yeares of Phillip and Mary, Kyng and Quene of Englond, it is agreed and condyscendyd by the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayles, and Counsaill of the Citie of Oxforde, that all the bochers of the said Citie, beynge ffremen, shall enyoy, occupy, and kepe there standyngs in the new shambles by senyorytie, to them and to there successors, paying xxiiij^s by the yere for every shoppe ; and if eny one do dye, or geve over occupyenge by the space of one fortnyght, then the next senyor bocher to hym shall enter into his shoppe.

*A Dyschargde for y^e Bochers Fyftens.*

And it is agred the said daye and yeres, that the said bochers and successors shalbe dyschargyd of the fiftene for there bochers :s, and of there wekely pence. A. 33.

1556, Sept. 14. *Thomas Elmes, one of the Assystans to the Mayre.*

Att a Counsaill holden the xiiij$^{th}$ day of September, in the third and forthe yeares of Phillip and Mary, Kyng and Quene of Englond, Thomas Elmes is elected to be one of the viij persons for assystyng M$^{r}$. Mayre, &c. A. 32 b.

1556, Sept. 25. *For sealyng of an Oblygacion betwixte the Towne and Fryswys.*

[An oblygacion of CC$^{li}$ to be sealed on the parte and behalf of the Towne to abyde the arbytrament of M$^{r}$. Plowden and M$^{r}$. Morgan, arbytrators, elected to deme and judge betwixt the Towne and Fryses concerning Crypley, and Fryses', to stand bounden in the lyke bonde, and that M$^{r}$. Pollard shalbe umper, or ells to have none.] A. 32 b.

*For thadmyssion of John Smythe.*

[John Smythe, bocher, admytted into the liberties of the Gylde of this Cytie for v$^{li}$ and other charges, according to the late ordynance, and for certain causes he is forgiven iij$^{li}$.] A. 32 b.

1556, Sept. 28. *For thadmyssion of Mathyas Peny.*

Mathyas Peny, bocher, admitted into the liberties of this City for v$^{li}$, and other charges of which he is forgiven xl$^{s}$. A. 33.

1555-6. *Hanasters admitted in the time of John Wayte, Mayor; Henry Mall and Richard Edgys, Chamberlains. 2 and 3 Philip and Mary.*

Ralph Denton, tayler.

William Aldworthe, late app. of William Spenser.

Luke Atkyns, late app. of William Dewe.

John Genyngs, late app. of William Pawe.

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1555-6. *The Accounts of Henry Mall and Rycharde Edgys, late Chamberlaynes; from Michaelmas, 2 and 3 Ph. and Mary, to the same Feast,* 1556.

*Payments.*

Item, they aske to be allowed for the fee of my Lorde Willyams . . . . . v$^{li}$

Item, for M$^{r}$. Mayres charges to take his othe at London iij$^{li}$ vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

*Payments necessary.*

In primis, for the coney markett, iiij posts . . . ii$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Item, for v rayles for the sydes . . . . xx$^{d}$

Item, for vj smale rayles . . . . . xviij$^{d}$
Item, for nayles . . . . . v$^{d}$
Item, for the workemanship . . . . . xj$^{d}$

Item, for one planke for the pyllary . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, for iij studs . . . . . xiiij$^{d}$
Item, for vj bords . . . . . ij$^{s}$ vi$^{d}$
Item, for ij sydes . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, for nayles . . . . . j$^{d}$ ob.

Item, for the cuckyng stole, j planke . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, for ij syds of a ladder for the cuckyng stole . . xx$^{d}$
Item, for a garter for the sydes . . . . iij$^{d}$
Item, for the workmens wages . . . . iij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, for an ireron pyn . . . . . x$^{d}$
Item, for nayling cords . . . . . xx$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ xxij$^{s}$ ob.

Item, for wyne to my Lorde Willyams and his retynue at the brynnyng of the busshops . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for two payre of gloves duble garnyshed for my Lorde and my Lady Willyams . . . . . iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for iiij payre of gloves to M$^{r}$. Pollarde and his wyffe, M$^{r}$. Edmond and M$^{r}$. Norrys . . . . viij$^{s}$
Item, to Gybbons for iiij payre of gloves sent to M$^{r}$. Mayre at London . . . . . ix$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, in wyne to M$^{r}$. Pollarde and M$^{r}$. Brydges, syttyng in comyssyon for the towne subsydie . . . . ij$^{s}$

*A Newers Gyft for my Lord Willyams.*

In primis, ij swannes . . . . . xx$^{s}$
Item, for iiij pehens the same tyme . . . . xj$^{s}$
Item, vj cople of capons . . . . . xvj$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Item, iiij plovers . . . . . xv$^{d}$
Item, v woodcoks . . . . . ij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Item, ij payre of gloves, y$^{e}$ one payre twysted w$^{t}$ golde . v$^{s}$
Item, thother payre . . . . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, ij boxes of calender cumfets . . . . iiij$^{s}$
Item, geven by M$^{r}$. Mayre his owne hande . . . xj$^{s}$
Item, for drynkyng at Whateley commyng home . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, for horse mete there . . . . . viij$^{d}$
Item, for ij horsse hyer to cary the newers gyfts . . xvj$^{d}$

Item, for kepyng of the pultry from newers even untyll they were presented, beyng iij wyks . . . . iij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, for half a busshell of sherchings . . . viij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ iij$^{li}$ xix$^{s}$ v$^{d}$.

Item, given to M$^{r}$. Pollarde for his newers gyft ij payre of gloves . . . . . iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, ij cople of capons . . . . . v$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$
Item, payed to hym y$^{t}$ caryed them . . . . vj$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ x$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$.

*A Supper for my Lord Willyams at M$^{r}$. Mayres house.*

In mutton . . . . . iiij$^{s}$
In veale . . . . . iiij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Item, ij cople of hennes . . . . . ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, a cople of capons . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, in larks . . . . . x$^{d}$
Item, in schewet . . . . . vj$^{d}$ ob.
Item, for half a busshell of flower . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, for a quarterne of gynger . . . . iij$^{d}$ ob.
Item, for a quarterne of synamond . . . . xx$^{d}$
Item, for j$^{li}$ of suger . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, for j$^{li}$ di. of suger . . . . . xx$^{d}$
Item, for a cople of coneys . . . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, a cople of coneys . . . . . ix$^{d}$
Item, for ij$^{li}$ di. shewet . . . . . vij$^{d}$
Item, for a pecke of fyne flower . . . . xj$^{d}$
Item, for orenges . . . . . ij$^{d}$
Item, for wyne . . . . . iij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, for pepper and candells . . . . xiij$^{d}$ ob.
Item, for di$^{li}$ peper . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, for a brest of mutton . . . . . x$^{d}$
Item, for sacke . . . . . x$^{d}$ ob.
Item, for breade to M$^{r}$. Elmes . . . . iij$^{s}$
Item, for wafers . . . . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, payed to Austen Wylmott for a marybone and ij$^{li}$ suet vij$^{d}$
Item, payed to M$^{r}$. Burnet for breade . . . iij$^{s}$
Item, payed to John Davys for coles . . . ij$^{d}$
Item, payed to the coke for dressyng the mete . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, for ale to Thomas Capper . . . . xx$^{d}$
Item, to the same Thomas for eggs and butter . . xiiij$^{d}$
Item, payed for a pottell of Maumesey, geven to my Lorde Willyams the next mornynge . . . . xiiij$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ xlviij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$.

Item, for wyne geven to the judges at the sessyons . . ij$^{s}$
Item, payed to M$^{r}$. Furres for a pottell of Maumsey . . xiiij$^{d}$
Item, payed to M$^{r}$. Mayre for vj quarts of wyne . . ij$^{s}$
Sm$^{a}$ v$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$.

*For the Supper made unto the Lawyers at M$^{r}$. Mayres at the same Assise, M$^{r}$. Sergyant Morgan, M$^{r}$. Ployden, M$^{r}$. Corbet, and M$^{r}$. Denton.*

In p$^{r}$mis, to Dennys for pyckarell . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to Mathew Blossom for dosen of roches . . xviij$^{d}$
Item, for an ele to hym . . . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, to Nycolas Day for a nele . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, payed for a chyne of freshe salmon . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, for wyne, breade and bere for the same supper . vij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Sm$^{a}$ xv$^{s}$.

Item, ij payre of gloves deluered to M$^{r}$. Mayre to geve to my Lorde Willyams upon lowe sondaie . . . iiij$^{s}$
Item, payed to the messynger that brought (?) to y$^{e}$ Towne by M$^{r}$. Mayres commandem$^{t}$ . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, for a payre of gloves given to M$^{r}$. Smythe, clarke of the Counsaill . . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, payed to swanners for there fee . . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, spent in there company at dyner . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, payed for bote hyer in takyng up the swannes . vj$^{d}$
Item, for wyne when y$^{e}$ comyssyoners sate upon y$^{e}$ deathe of a man at Barnards Colledge . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, payd to Gybbons for gloves geven to M$^{r}$. Ployden and M$^{r}$. Denton . . . . . v$^{s}$
Item, to Matthew Blosson for kepyng the swannes in his pole v$^{s}$
Item, to Gybbons for ij payre of gloves for M$^{r}$. Pollarde and my lady . . . . . iiij$^{s}$
Item, for xvj payre of gloves to his seruants . . . v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

*Audit Book*, p. 9.

1555-6. *The Accounts of Edward Glynton, Rycharde Whyttyngton, Thomas Willyams, Willyam Strowde, and John Sutton, Keykepers. 2 and 3 Ph. and Mary.*

*Payments.*

Item, payed unto Robert Allen the cutler for certen daggars and armenyng swords, going agaynst the Duke of Northumberland . . . . . xxj$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$
Item, delyvered to Thomas Willyams for certen charges of the Towne . . . . . xx$^{li}$

Item, delyvered to Mr. Whyttyngton and others appoyntted towards the buyldyng of the Blew Bore . . . xxxli

Item, delyvered to the same persons more for the said buylding xli

*Audit Book*, p. 4 b.

1556, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Tylcok.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Richard Prestwood, Thomas Furres. | *Council*, | Robert Smyth, Robert Allen, William Levyns. |
| *Chamberlains*, | John Forrest, Robert Brasgyrdle. | 1557, April 27, *Alderman*, | Thomas Williams [45]. |
| *Coroners*, | Richard Atkynson. William Tylcoke. | Aug. 28, *Towne Clarke*, | Thomas Wadlof. |

A. 89 b.

1556, Oct. 8. *The Disallowance of the Bargayne bought by Mr. Wayte.*

At a Counsaill holden the viijth day of October in the yeres above said (3 and 4 Ph. and Mary), it is agreed and condiscended by the Mayre, Aldermen, Bayles, and Counsaill of the Citie of Oxforde, that the bargayne of tymber and slatte bought by Mr. Wayte in Saynt Mary Colledge shalbe no bargayne allowed for the body of the Citie.

A. 33.

1556, Oct. 9. *Christopher Gardener elected.*

Christopher Gardener elected into the freedom and liberty of this Citie. A. 33.

1556, Oct. 9. *The authoritie of the Audytors.*

Att a Counsaill holden the ixth day of October, in the thyrde and forthe yeres of Phillip and Mary, Kyng and Quene of Englond, &c., it is agreed by the Mayre, Aldermen, Bayles, and Counsall of the Citie, that these Audytors whose names ensuythe, wt two Aldermen to them adioyned, shall take, determe, and ende all the accompts behynde undetermyned, touching and concernyng the body of the Citie.

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| Audytors elected for Saynt Martens parishe | John Wakelyn, Thomas Bayley. |
| Audytors for Saynt Mare's parishe . . | Rycharde Prestwood. Thomas Furres, |
| Audytors for saynt Petris in the est . . | Joh'es Forrest. Mauricius Vaghan. |

[45] In the place of Thomas Mallynson.

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| Audytors for saynt Tolle parishe | Thomas Lambe, Joh'es Barton. |
| Audytors for saynt Tabbes parishe | Will'us Pantre, Rob'tus Bratchgyrdle. |
| Audytors for saynt Petris in the bayley | Augustinus Wylmot, Will'us Forrest. |
| Audytors for saynt Mychells parishe | Thomas Wynkeley, Joh'es Welles. |
| Audytors for Mawdelyn parishe | Thomas Elmes, Roger Huyt. |
| Audytors for saynt Gyles parishe | Rychard Huyt, Will'us Harding. |
| Audytors for Halowell parishe | Robert Pryme, Will'us Hortoppe. |
| Audytors for saynt Thomas parishe | Georgius Angell, Thomas Smythe. |

A. 34.

*Mulcta computan' et auditor' absentium.*

Item, the said day and yeres it is agreed by the Mayre, Aldermen, &c., that all accomptants that shalbe warned by the Mayre or the hedd audytors to be redy wt there accompts by a day shall kepe there dayes and houres upon payne of xs for every default, and to remayne yn pryson untill hit be payed, and every audytor in his defaulte or his suffycyent deputie to paye xijd. And that all men of the Counsaill house may come to the audyt, and utter there opynyons before the audytors. And every forfeit to go and be to the use of the coffer called Dame Margaret Northerne.

A. 34.

1556, Oct. 13. *The Blew Bore surrendered by Mr. Fryer.*

[The lease graunted by the Citie unto Mr. Fryer of the Blew Bore surrendered, with vj pieces of tymber, or xls of money.

*A Lease graunted to Mr. Bayly, physycon.*

Mr. Bayly, physycion, to have a lease for xxj yeres of a garden ground, wt a parcell of ground behynd the Blew Bore, paying 4s 6d, &c.] A. 33.

1556, Oct. 13. *Arbytrators betwixt the Citie and John Wayte.*

[Thomas Elmes and Rychard Williams to arbytrate, deme, and judge betwixt the said Citie and the said John Wayte, for and con-

cernyng the bargayne of slate and tymber bought of my lorde Willyams by the said John Wayte, and eyther parties to abyde the fynal judgment of the same.] A. 33.

1556, Nov. 5. *Harman Evans. Piebakers House, etc.*

[Harman Evans, bokeseller, to have by lease the corner house in Seynt Mary parisshe, comenly called the Pyebakers housse, for 21 yeres.

Robert Smythe admitted into the liberties of this City.

Thomas Wynkeley to have a lease of a tenement and certen grounde in S^t^. Myghells parishe.

John Hartley to have a lease of certen voyd ground w^th^in the wall est warde from S^t^. Myghells Churche.

Thomas Longe admitted into the liberties of this City.]

A. 33 b.

1556/7, Jan. 7. *William Fernesyde admitted.*

[William Fernesyde, shomaker, admytted into the liberties of the Citie.] A. 33 b.

1556/7, Jan. 25. *Edward Lyttell admytted.*

[Edward Lyttle made free of this Guylde, and to compounde for a Chamberlaynes and Bayles romethes, paying for his fredom xl^s^; for his Chamberleynes romethe, iij^li^; and for compounder Bayley, iij^li^.]

*William Hewster.*

[Willyam Hewster admitted into the lyberties of the Guylde of the said Citie.] A. 34 b.

1556/7, Feb. 12. *Lease of part of the Blew Bore.*

[Indenture made 12 Feb., 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, between William Tylcocke, Mayor of the Citty of Oxford; Richard Atkinson, Raphe Flexney, Richard Whittington, and Thomas Williams, Aldermen; Richard Prestwood and Thomas Furres, Bayliffs; John Forrest and Robert Bratchegirdle, Chamberlyns; and the Cittizens and Commynaltie of the same Cittie on thone partie, and Henry Baylie, of the said Cittie, phisicion, on thother partie; being a lease of a parcell of ground, invironed and compassed with stone walls, in the backside of the Blew Bore, and a parcell of garden ground of the said Blew Bore, to hold the same for the remainder of a term demised to Austen Kirke, at an annual rent of 4^s^ 6^d^.]

*Vellum Book*, i. 447.

1556/57, Feb. 23. *The Confirmacion of the Audytors Accompte for John Wayte.*

At a Counsaill holden the xxiij day of February, it is agreed by the Mayre and the Counsaill of the Citie that the accompte of John Wayte, taken before the Audytors, shall stand in full strength yn suche maner and for as the said Audytors have agreed. A. 34 b.

1556/57, Feb. —. *Presentation to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.*

[William Pouwell presented by the Provost and Fellows of Oriel College, on the resignation of Hugh Huchinson.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1556/57, March 11. *John Dobson.*

[John Dobson elected Keper of the pryson of Buccardo for his life.] A. 34 b.

1556/57, March 23. *T[w]o Acts for Placyng to stand.*

At a Counsaill holden the xxiij^th^ day of Marche, in the yeres above wrytten, it is agreed by the Mayre and the resydue of the Counsaill of this Citie, that actes made for placyng of M^res^. Brydgeman, and an other concernyng the placyng of M^r^. Wayte, or any other herafter that shalbe chosen Mayre out of the nomber of eight, shall stand in effecte.

*For placyng M^res^. Bridgman.*

Item, the same day and yeres it is agreed that M^res^. Brydgman shall go nexte unto the Alderwomen, and afore M^res^. Wayte, according to y^e^ senyoryte of the Acte. A. 34 b.

1557, April 3. *The submyssion of John Wayte.*

At a Counsaill holden the xv^th^ daye of Aprell in the thyrde and forth yeres of the raignes of our soueraignes lorde and lady Kyng Phillip and Quene Mary yn the tyme of Willyam Tylcoke, Mayre of the Citie of Oxforde; John Wayte of the same Citie, haberdassher, beyng prysoner yn Buccardo w^t^in the said Citie for a dett w^ch^ he ought unto the body of the said Citie upon the arrerages of an accompte taken betwene the said John Wayte and the body of the said Citie, by audyto^r^s appoyntted according to the custome of the same Citie (came into the Counsaill house before the said Mayre and Counsaill of the said Citie yn the presence of S^r^. John Pollard, Knyght, Recordor of the same), where he the said John Wayte made his humble submyssion unto the said Mayre and resydu of the Counsaill, acknowlegyng and confessyng the dett

upon hym determyned amountyng to the some of xlij$^{li}$ iiij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$ ob. and showyng hymself repentant that he had so unnaturally attempted the breche of the lybertyes and customes of the Citie wherof he had byn a member, and in harte desyeryng by there favor that he myght so contynue; upon w$^{ch}$ his submyssion it was condyscendyd and agreed by the said Mayre and resydue of the Counsaill then present that the said John Wayte shoulde paye presently at his delyverance xliiij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$ ob. of the said some of xlij$^{li}$ iiij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$ ob. and pay the resydue w$^{t}$in eight yeres .then nexte ensuyng, at the feast of thannunciation of our blessyd lady the Vyrgyn yerely by even porcions; the fyrst payment to begyn at the feast of thanuncyacon of o$^{r}$ lady nexte ensuyng, and so to contynue yerely untyll the said hole some be payed, and to put yn suffycyent suertie for the same; and whiche Counsaill it was also agreed by the said Mayre and Counsaill that every person and persons whiche shoulde herafter happen to be founde yn any arrerages unto the body of the said Citie by the audyto$^{r}$s to be appoyntted according to the aunceant custome of the said Citie shall paye the same presently upon the determynacion of his accompte, or put yn suffycyent pawne, or ells to remayne yn pryson untill it be payed according to there aunceant usage and custome; and that thys presydent be drawen for none example herafter, but only upon specyall consyderacions was thus ordered at this time, and never to be put yn use agayne.

A. 35.

1557, April 12. *The surrender of the Mylles for the moyte.*

Att a Counsaill holden the xij day of Aprell yn the yeres above said, it is condyscended and agreed by the Mayre and Counsaill of the Citie that my lorde the Busshop of Oxforde shall enter into his moyte of the Castell mylles immedyatly payeng vij$^{li}$ done and the one half of the charges for the implements yn the myll, or putyng yn suffycyent suirty for the payment of the same, to be payed w$^{t}$in xiiij dayes after Ester. A. 34 b.

1557, April 30. *Thomas Willyams.*

Thomas Willyams his accompt for the Blew Bore and the bocher row, and xx$^{li}$ of money on Tuesday nexte commyng at viij in the morninge. *Council Minute*, 58.

*Rychard Edges.*

Eodem die, it was agreed that Rychard Edges should mak accompte to the Key Kepers for xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ delyvered hym to go to London to my Lorde Willyams.

*William Tylcock.*

William Tylcoke electus ad officium Coronatoris.

*Council Minute*, 58 b.

1557, April 30. *John Wayte submytted hym self* xxiij° *die January A°.* 1560, *et est remiss'.*

At a Counsaill holden the xxx^th^ day of Aprell, annis supradictis, it was agreed by the Mayre and Counsaill of the Citie, that John Wayte shalbe dysmyssed bothe of the number of eight, and also out of the Counsaill housse untill upon his sute it shalbe thought good to the Mayre and resydue of the Counsaill to receve hym yn agayne.—[*Erased after written*]. A. 35.

1557, May 27. *M^r^. Mallinson fined.*

Yt ys agreed that M^r^. Mallynson shall paye iij^s^ iiij^d^ for obprobryous words spoken ageynst M^r^. Mayer at thys day yn the Councell howse to the use of the bodye of thys Cytye, whyche ys payd to the Key Kepers. p. 53.

1557, May 28. *Thomas Lame and Ryc. Willyams two of the eight.*

At a Counsaill holden the xxviij^th^ daye of Maye, 3 and 4 Ph. and Mary, Thomas Lame and Rychard Willyams are elected to be two of the eight persons for the assystaunce of the Mayre, &c. A. 35.

*The Lady Willyams.*

The same day and yeres it is agreed by the said Counsaill that v^li^ and a payre of gloves shalbe delyvered forthe of the Towne Treasure, for a present to be geven unto my Lady Wyllyams, at her commyng yn to the countrey, beyng hir fyrst commyng after hir maryage. A. 35 b.

*Ernyst Money*

The same day and yeres, it was also agreed that the Chamberlaynes for the tyme beyng, shall have and enyoye the ernyst money of the towne rents, for settyng and lettyng, according to the aunceant custome alwayes hathe byn. A. 35 b.

1557, July 19. *The Mayor to attend upon M^r^. Recorder, etc.*

It is agreed, at the said Counsaill, that the Chamberlaynes for y^e^ yere shall take downe the tymber of the Blew Bore, and sell the wast tymber and reserve the resydue.

Item, it was agreed the day and yer above wryttin, that M^r^. Mayor, M^r^. Alderman Willyams, and Baylie Furners, shall resort unto S^r^ John

Pollard, o^r Recorder, and that we shall stand to the maytenaunce of o^r charter according to his counsell, concernynge the presence.

*Council Minute*, 58 b.

1557, Aug. 28. *Thomas Wadlof, Town Clerk.*

The first counsaill y^t was holden in Thomas Wadlof his tyme, Towne Clarke. p. 53.

1557, Sept. 14. *Election of Recorder.*

Thomas Denton, armiger, elect' in offic' Recordator.

*Council Minute*, 59.

1556-7. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Tylcocke, Mayor; John Forrest and Robert Brachgyrdle, Chamberlains.* 3 *and* 4 *Philip and Mary.*

Thomas Pope.
John Langley, late app. of John Ivery.
Richard Arroue.
John Clarke.
William Ashefeilde, late app. of John Welles.
William Winsloo, late app. of William Tayller.
John, son of John Bryse.
Richard Browne Roberts.

p. 236 b.

1556-7. *The Accounts of John Forrest and Robert Bratchegyrdle, late Chamberlaynes;* 3 *and* 4 *Philip and Mary.*

Item, they aske to be allowed for the fee of my Lorde Willyames . . . . . v^li

Item, geven to M^r. Pollarde a sugar-loffe the same tyme, wayeng fyve pounds, bought of Edmunde Godstowe . . v^s x^d

Item, payde to M^r. Welles for a payre of gloves tassel golde, geven to M^r. Comysary . . . . iiij^s

Item, for one pottell of sacke and one pottell of clarett, geven to my Lorde Willyams at Witham . . . xvij^d

Item, to delie for makyng the mappe of the hole franches v^s

Item, for a pottell of sacke and a pottell of clarett geven to the Comyssioners syttyng uppon corne to furnyshe the markett the Fryday before Candlemas daye . . . xvij^d

Item, geven to a pursyvaunte that brought the proclamacion, for hys reward . . . . . iij^s iiij^d

Item, geven to the Quenes mynstrells for a rewarde at Mayster Mayres commaundemente . . . . iij^s iiij^d

Item, for a reward to the Quenes players yn the Guyldhall vj^s viij^d

Item, for there drynkynge . . . . . ij^s v^d

Item, to Edward ap Edward for a payre of gloves geven to my Lady Wyllyams at Rycott . . . iiij^s

Item, to Mr. Welles for a payre of gloves geven to my Lorde Wyllyams the same tyme . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to the Erle of Oxford, hys players . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, to Welles for two payre of gloves for Syr John Pollard and hys lady, the xx$^{th}$ of July, at what tyme Mr. Mayre asked counsayll of the charter . . . . iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, payed for two gallons of wyne geven to my Lord Willyams and others, at Saynte Lawrans daye . . ij$^{s}$
Item, for two payre of gloves geven to my Lord Pagyat, lord pryvy sayle . . . . . iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, to the fysshers for there paynes the dravyng daye, as appereth by a byll . . . . . vj$^{s}$ xj$^{d}$

*Audit Book*, 13 b.

1556-7. *The Accounts of Richard Whyttyngton, Thomas Willyams, Thomas Elmes, Henry Mylwarde, and Garbrand Harks, Key Kepers; 3 and 4 Ph. and Mary.*

Item, paid to the parisshes the x$^{th}$ of November for there annuytes w$^{t}$ tharrerages . . . . xix$^{li}$ xvij$^{d}$
Item, payed for certen charges yn the new makyng of Carefoxe . . . . . xxv$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, delyvered to Thomas Wadlof, Towne Clarke, and to Mr. Rychard Wyllyams for the Towne busynes for the quoworanto . . . . . xx$^{li}$ viij$^{s}$
Item, delivered to Wyllyam Pantre at the Counsaills commaundement . . . . . xl$^{s}$
Item, payed for the redempcion of the Towne cuppe unto thands of Mr. Napper . . . . . x$^{li}$
Item, geven unto my Lady Wyllyams for her welcome into the countre at her commyng fyrst after maryage . v$^{li}$

*Audit Book*, 12 b.

1557, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Thomas Willyams.

*Bailiffs*, { James Dodwell, Andrew Burnett.

*Chamberlains*, { William Levyns, Garbrand Harkes.

*Recorder*—Thomas Denton.

Oct. 3, *Alderman*, { William Tylcoke.

*Council.*
Thomas Wetherall.
John Huggyns.
John Cumber.
John Tettersele.
Edward Godstowe.
William Alder.
James Stavesacre.
Richard Gybbons.
Richard Hanson.

1557, Nov. 25. *John Tettersale admitted.*

[John Tettersale admitted into the liberties of the guylde of this Citie.] A. 36.

1557/58, Jan. 7. *Thomas Pare and John Burnam admitted.*

[Thomas, sonne of Robert Pare the apprentice of Rychard Johnson, Sadler, admytted into the Citie according to the olde order and payed ix$^{s}$ and iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ for his copy.

John Burnam admitted.] A. 36.

1557/58, Jan. 7. *Members of Parliament.*

Joh'es Barton, Richard Willyams, } *Elected Burgesses of Parliament.*

*Council Minute*, 61 b.

1557/58, Jan. 18. *Presentation to the Church of St. Martin.*

[Robert Grave presented by the Crown to the Church of St. Martin, on the death of Thomas Taylor.] *Ep. Reg. Oxon.*

1557/58. *In the time of Thomas Willyams, Mayor; Richard Whyttyngton, Nycolas Toodd, Thomas Furres, Henry Mylward and Robert Forrest, Key Kepers.*

Item, they are charged w$^{t}$ money payed by M$^{r}$. Ryley for words spoken by hym contrary to an act . . . xx$^{d}$

Item, they are charged w$^{t}$ money for M$^{r}$. Alderman Tylcoke his brekfast . . . . . iij$^{li}$ vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Item, they are charged w$^{t}$ v$^{li}$ for M$^{r}$. Mayres dyner . v$^{li}$

1557/58, March 10. *William Mathew, Mayor of Abyngdon admitted.*

Willyam Mathew, Mayre of Abyngdon, was admytted into the freedome of this Citie, and hathe compounded for Chamberlayne and Baylie and his fredom, x$^{li}$. *Council Minute*, 61 b.

1558, May 8. *Commen Waters.*

At a Counsaill holden the eight day of May, A° Dn'i 1558, it was agreede by the Mayre, Aldermen, Bayles, Citizens, and Comen Counsaill of the said Citie, that all the leses and obligacons made unto dyvers persons for the severall ffysshing of the comon waters, shalbe delyvered out of the Towne coffers, and so cancelled and made voyde. A. 36.

*Acquitaunce for John Forrest and Robert Bratchegyrdle.*

[Robert Bratchegyrdle and John Forrest, Chamberlaynes in An° d'ni 1557, discharged of their xx^li^, because their obligation is casually lost.] A. 36.

*Tho. Ryppyngale.*

[Thomas Rippyngale admytted into the lyberties of the Guylde, and compounds for the office of Chamberlain.] A. 36.

1558, July 18. *Scole Stretes.*

At a Counsaill holden the xviij^th^ day of July, A° d'ni 1558, the lease for the Scole stretes was grauntted to the Unyversitie under suche condycions as the Towne shall thynke good, to be devysed by there lerned Counsaill. A. 36.

1558, July 18. *William Freman.*

[Willyam Freman admytted for xx^s^ and other charges, upon consyderacion he served the latter part of his vij yeres w^t^ a second m^r^ not yn suche sort as coulde be thought to be without collusyon.] A. 36.

1558, Sept. 8. CIVITAS OXON. *Thes be the Parcells of Harnes that were delyvered by the Parishes of the said Citie and Suburbes unto the Counsayle house the viij^th^ day of Septembre, Anno domini,* 1558.

*Hallowell.*

Rec. back sworde and dagger. { A payre of almon ryvetts complete, w^t^ a pyke.

*Bynsey.*

Rec. { A bowe, a sheffe of arrowes, and a stele capp or scull.

*Saynte Gyles.*

A payre of almon ryvetts complete, w^t^ a pyke, a bow, a sheffe of arrowes and scull.

RYCHARD HEWETT.

*Saynt Thomas parishe.*

Rec. back sworde and dagger. { A payre of almon ryvetts complete, w^t^ a pyke, a bowe, a sheve of arrowes, a scull.

*Mawdelyn parishe.*

Receaved, { Thre almon ryvetts complete, wt pykes, one bowe, one sheve of arrowes, a bowe, and a scull.

Of the said iiij almon rivetts, Abell Smythe shall fynde an almon ryvet, gorgett, splynts, and sallatt.

*Saynt Peters in the Este.*

Three almon ryvetts complete, two pyks, one byll.

*Saynt Marye parishe.*

Rec. back a scull, iij daggers, one pyke. { Two almon ryvetts complete, wth one pyke, one bowe, one sheffe of arrowes, one scull.

*Alhallowes.*

Rec. back iij daggers. { Three almon ryvetts complete, wth two pyks, one byll.

*Saynt Martins.*

Receaved, { Two payre of almon ryvetts complete, wt two pyks, three bowes.

Thre sheve of arrowes, three sculls, three swords, three daggers.

*Saynt Myghells.*

Rec. One almon revett complete, wt a pyke.

*Saynt Peters in the baylye.*

Rec. backe splynts. { A bowe, a sheve of arrowes, scull, sworde, and dagger, one payre of almon ryvetts complete, wythe a pyke.

*Saynte Ebbes.*

Rec. { A bowe, a sheve of arrowes, scull, sworde, and dagger.

*Saynt Tolles.*

Rec. backe ij daggers, one gorgett. { Two almo ryvetts, furnyshed wt two pykes, two sheve of arrowes, two sculles, ij bowes furnyshed, swords and daggers.

*The warde w^th^in Saynte Thomes parishe.*

Rec. { A bowe, a sheve of arrowes, and a scull.
A bowe, a sheve of arrowes, a scull.

*Hannisters*, p. 398.

1558, Sept. 15. *Money gathered at the losyng of Calice.*

At a Counsaill holden the xv daie of September, A^o^ D'ni 1558, it was agreed by the Mayre, Aldermen, and Counsaill of the Citie, that the iij^li^ iiij^s^ viij^d^ delyvered to the hands of the Key Kepers, upon the accompte of James Dodwell and Thomas Furres, for settyng forthe of the souldyers when Calyce was beseeched, shalbe ymployed to the byeng of more armour for the store of the Citie. A. 36 b.

1558, Sept. 15. *Gyles Swete admitted.*

[Gyles Swete admytted into the lyberties of this Citie, and compounded for the office of Chamberlayne, paying vj^li^.] A. 36 b.

1558, Sept. 15. *Tho. Willyams, Tho. Lame, aud John Wakelyn appointed vintners.*

It was condiscended and agreed by the said Mayre and Counsaill that Thomas Willyams, Alderman; Thomas Lame and John Wakelyn, shallbe vyntners for the Towne of Oxforde, according to the statute in anno 7 E. VI. yn that behalf had and provyded. A. 36 b.

1558, Sept. 27. *The tender of a Gyld Peny by Alderman Willyams.*

Thomas Willyams, Mayre, dyd tender one peny gylted according to the old custome, for the w^ch^ he shall make one of his children ffre when he comethe to full age, takyng his othe to this Towne.

A. 36 b.

1557-8. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Thomas Willyams, Mayor; William Levins and Garbrand Harkes, Chamberlains.* 4 *and* 5 *Philip and Mary.*

John Masse.
John Haultyng.
William Payne.
William, son of William Spenser.
Silvester Kechyn, late app. of William Thomas.
George, son of Thomas Marche.
William, son of Henry Colte.

p. 237 b.

1557-8. *The Accounts of Willyam Levyns and Garbrand Harks, late Chamberlaynes, from Mich.,* 4 *and* 5 *Philip and Mary, to Mich. following.*

Item, to my Lord Willyams for hys fee . . v^li^
Item, the charges goynge w^t^ the swane uppers iij dayes . vj^s^ iiij^d^

1558, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Whittington.

*Bailiffs*, { Richard Edgys, Andrew Ricott.

*Chamberlains*, { John Tettersale, Robert Fruen.

$15\frac{58}{59}$, Jan. 7, *M.P.'s*, { Thomas Wood, Roger Tayller.

$15\frac{58}{59}$, Feb. 4, *Recorder*, { Ralph Schrope[46].

A. 91 b.

1558, Oct. 6. *The Castell Mylls waters.*

[The water belongyng to the Castell mylls letten unto Mr. Alderman Willyams, Mr. Elmes, and Mr. Edgys for the yere followinge.]

A. 36 b.

1558, Oct. 7. *A graunte of two Chambers to the Town Clarkes successyvelie.*

At a Counsaill holden the vijth day of October yn the forth and fyvethe yeres of the raignes of our soveraignes lorde and lady Phillip and Mary, it is condiscended and agreed that a leasse grauntted unto Austyn Kyrke of a tenement yn Saynt Martyns parishe lyeng and beyng under the gylde hall wtall thapprtenances, shalbe recewyd and was surrendred unto the Towne by Thomas Wadloffe, Towne Clarke, who redemyd the said leasse of the forsaid Austyn. In consyderacion wherof it is agreed by the Mayre, Aldermen, and resydue of the Counsaill of the Citie, that the said Thomas Wadlof, Towne Clarke, shall have and enjoy two chambers under the Counsaill housse parcell of the foresaid tenement, to hym and his successors Towne Clarks of Oxford for the tyme beyng, and no longer, for his chamber and offyce, wt free ingresse, egresse, and regresse by the comen great dore unto the same, wtout payeing any fyne or annuall rent for the same. A. 35 b.

*Agaynst laborers for offyces.*

At a Counsaill holden the same day and yeres it is condiscended and agreed by the Mayre, Aldermen, &c. That yf any person or persons wtin the said Citie, of whatsoever degre he or they be of, shall after the date herof (the Mayre, Chamberlayne only excepted) labor for any offyce wtin the same Citie for hym self or any other man, by hym self, or by his procurement or meanes, and that laufully proved by the testymony of honest men two at

[46] In the place of Thomas Denton.

the lest. That then every suche person or persons so laboryng as is aforesaid shall forfeyt xl$^{s}$ for every tyme, to be payed forthw$^{t}$ upon the tryall therof made before the Mayre for the suburbes, and before the Alderman for the warde where suche person or persons so laboryng as aforesaid shall happen to dwell, or ells to remayne to pryson upon commandement of the said Mayre or Alderman w$^{t}$out suerties untyll it be payed. And that the Mayre for the tyme beyng and the Alderman for his ward neclegtyng his or there dutie in due execucion of the premysses shall forfayt for every person so suffered to esthape fyve marks of currant Englyshe money, thone half of all the said forfeytures to be to the Towne coffrs, and the other half to hym or them that shall sue to the Counsaill of the Citie for the same. A. 35 b.

1558, Oct. 14. *The confirmacion of an acte for thelleccion of y$^{e}$ Maire.*

At a Counsaill holden the xiiij$^{th}$ day of October, it was agreed by the Mayre and Counsell of the Citie, that an acte made the xix day of September, yn the fyrst and second yeres of o$^{r}$ soveraignes lord and lady, Kyng Phillip and Quene Marye for thelleccion of the Mayre out of the number of xiij persons, and one other acte made the viij$^{th}$ day of July yn the second and thurd yeres of the said Kyng and Queene, for the placyng and goyng of hym that is chosen Mayre forthe of the number of eight persons shall stand yn full strengthe and force. A. 36 b.

1558, Oct. 28. *Bond for not revealing State Secrets to the French King.*

CIVITAS OXON. Memorand'. quod xxviij$^{o}$ die Octobris, annis regnorum Philippi et Mariæ dei gratia Regis et reginæ Angliæ, Hispaniæ, Franciæ, utriusque Siciliæ, Jerusalem, et Hyberniæ, defensorum Archiducum Austriæ, ducum Burgundiæ, Mediolam et Branciæ, comitum Haspurgi, Flandriæ et Tyrollis quinto et sexto Philippus Cutture de civitate predicta, bookbinder, Thomas Lysley, de eadem glover, et Henricus Tryplade dicta civitatis gloveri, venerunt coram nobis Ric'o Whittington, Maiore dictæ civitatis, Thoma White, clerico, custode Novi Collegii in Universitate Oxon, Ric'o Atkinson et Ric'o Flaxney, ejusdem civitatis Aldermen, as Comissariis dictorum regis et reginæ pro inquisitione hominum Francorum infra dictum civitatem assign' et recogn' se ipsos debere dictis domino regi et reginæ

xx$^{li}$ videlicet predictus Philippus Cuttere, recogn' debere decem libras et predict' Thomas et Henricus recognover' utrumque eorum debere v$^{li}$ bone et legalis monetæ Angliæ de bonis et catallis suis ad usum predictum regis et reginæ sub conditione subsequente.

The condicion of this recognizaunce is such, that yf the above bound Philipp Cutture doe not discov$^{r}$ o$^{r}$ cause to be discovered the counsayle or secrets of this realme by givinge any secret advertismentes or intelligence by any maner, wayes, or meanes unto the French Kinge, or unto any other whereby the sayd French kinge may have notice or knowledge of the counsails, states or secretts of this realme, neither doe procure any hurte or damage to be done to this realme, or subjects of the same, contrarie to the lawes and statuts of this realme in that case made and provided, that then this recognizance to be voyde and of non effecte, or els to stande in full strength and vertue.

PHILIPPUS CUTTURE.

*Twyne*, xiv. 92.

1558, Jan. 11. *For the Crownacion of Elizabethe Quene.*

M$^{d}$ that I Richard Whittyngton, Mayre of Oxford, made sute unto my lorde of Arundell for the office in the buttery the xj daye of January, 1558, for o$^{r}$ liveryes and suche things as belonge to that office. Item, iij gownes and iiij cotes, one gowne for the Mayre, and two for ij Bayllies, and iiij cotes for foure men that he appoynted of the same Towne, besydes his servaunt and other that were w$^{th}$ hym at the tyme.

Item, for vij aparnes for the officers that daye taps, there lay till Weddensday senyght aftre the first sute. . . vij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

A. 366.

1559, Sept. 24. *The Tyme of the olde Bayles surrender.*

At a Counsaill holden the day and yere above wrytten, it is agreed by the Mayor and Comon Counsaill that the old Bayles shall on Mighelmas day next cummyng surrender the keys of this Citie, and all there right unto the new elected Bayles betwixt one and thre at after none of the same day, when it shall please M$^{r}$. Mayre to proceed to the same busyness, and that this order shall stand and remayne for ever. A. 37.

1558-9. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Whittyngton, Mayor; John Tettersale and Robert Frewen, Chamberlains.* 5 *and* 6 *Philip and Mary* [*ending Michaelmas*, 1559.]

Robert Gryffythe, late app. of John Ince.
James, son of John Ince.
John, son of Henry Wilmot.
Richard Galleys, late app. to William Hurste.
Nicholas Moseley, late app. to John Gorton.
William, son of Robert Jermyn.
Robert Gosse.
Thomas Smythe.
Willlam, son of John Hill.
Hugh Judd, tayller.
Edward Bennett, draper.
Richard Grene, cutler.
Robert Dyssell.
David Dyssell.
Edward Ball, glover.
Barnard Chylde.
Christopher Levyns, fuller.
Thomas Comyn.
John, son of John Dobson.
Richard Ladyman, late app. to William Willmot.

p. 238 b.

1559, Sept. 29. *The Accounts of John Tettrsale and Robert Frewen, Chamberlains.* 5 *and* 6 *Philip and Mary* [*ending Michaelmas*, 1559.]

Item, they aske to be allowed for the fee of my Lord Willyams . . . . . v^li

Item, to M^r. Recorder and his men fyve payre of gloves, at his fyrste comynge to Oxforde . . . . iij^s vj^d

Item, payde for two cople of capons w^ch were geven to M^r. Denton, then beynge Recorder . . . . iij^s vj^d

Item, to my Lorde Wyllyams man, that brought the Quenes proclamacions[47] . . . . . ij^s

[47] This was in all probability the proclaiming of the Queen. It was sent to the High Steward of the City, and by him forwarded to the Mayor. The plan almost universally adopted was to send proclamations by pursuivants, who received a fee of 3^s 4^d. Many payments on this account are entered in the city accounts.

BY THE QUENES MAIESTIE.

Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Quene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, Defendour of the Fayth, &c. Because it hath pleased Almightie God by calling to his mercie out of this mortall lief, to our greate grief, our derest suster of noble memorie, Mary, late Quene of England, Fraunce, and Ireland (whose soule God have), to dispose and bestowe uppon us as the onely right heyre by bludde and lawfull succession the crowne of the foresayed kingdomes of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, with all maner titles and rightes therunto in any wise apperteyning: we do publishe and give knowledge by this our Proclamacion to all maner peple being naturall subjects of every the sayd kingdomes, that from the beginning of the xvij daye of this moneth of November, at whiche tyme our sayd derest suster departed from this mortall life, they be discharged of all bondes and duties of subjection towardes our sayd suster, and be from the same tyme in nature and lawe bounde only to us as to their only Soveraigne Lady and Quene, wherwith we do by this our Proclamation streightly chardg and allye them to us, promising on our part no lesse love and care towards their preservacion, then hath been in any of our progenitours, and not doubting on their parte but they will observe the dyeuty whiche belongeth to naturall good and true loving subjects.

And further we streightly charge and commaund all maner our sayd subiects of every degree, to kepe them selves in our peax, and not to attempt uppon anny pretence the breache, alteration or chaunge of any ordre or usage presently establyshed within this our realme, uppon payn of our indignacion, and the perilles and punishment which therto in any wise may belong.

GOD SAVE THE QUENE.

Item, to my Lorde Wyllyams man, that brought the venyson, for his rewarde . . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

*At my Lorde Willyams retorn from London.*

Item, horse meate . . . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, one (?) . . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, two chubbes . . . . . xviij$^{d}$
Item, perchys . . . . . xviij$^{d}$
Item, chrafyshe . . . . . viij$^{d}$
Item, appules . . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, peyscodds . . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, two payre of gloves . . . . . v$^{s}$

Item, to M$^{r}$. Cogan for wyne w$^{ch}$ was geven to my Lorde Wyllyams and other gentlemen the fourth day of August . v$^{s}$
Item, for a pottell of wyne for the Quenes Comyssioners syttyng upon lands . . . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, to the pryst and clarke of Saynt Martyns for syngyng upon the elexion daye . . . . . xiiij$^{d}$
Item, to M$^{r}$. Elmes for two hundred of crafyshe and carryedge of a pyke to my Lorde Willyams . . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, wyne for the Quenes visytors *Audit Book*, p. 21 b.

1559, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Atkynson.

*Bailiffs*, { William Levyns, Thomas Smallpage.

*Chamberlains*, { Richard Hanson, Henry Mylward.

Oct. 19, *High Steward*, { Francis Russell, Earl of Bedford.

*Council.*
William Hewster.
Edward Wylson.
John Ryxon.
Richard Brympton.
William Fernesede.
Thomas Almon.
Richard Hewett.
Barnard Child.
William Noble.

A. 92 b.

1560, Aug. 20. Roger Tayller, elected one of the eight.

1559, Oct. 19. *Election of High Steward.*

The day and yere above wrytten my Lord Russell, Erle of Bedford[48], was elected steward for the Citie of Oxford.

*Council Minute*, 64.

[48] Francis, second Earl of Bedford, who was made a privy councillor in the first year of Q. Elizabeth.

15$\frac{59}{60}$, Jan. 8. *To grynd at the Castell Mylls.*

At a Counsaill holden the viij$^{th}$ day of January, 1559, it was agreed by the Mayre, Aldermen, and Counsaill of the Citie that as well the bakers as the towne dwellers shall grynd all there breade corne at the Castell mylls, according to an old custome, uppon forfeyture of there corne that shall grynde else where, to be taken by the Bayles for the tyme beyng, thone moytie of every forfeyture to be to the use and profytt of the body of the Towne, and thother moytie to the said Bayles. A. 37.

15$\frac{59}{60}$, Feb. 29. *Charges of certain Suits to be borne by the City.*

The day abovesaid it was agreed by the Mayre and his Counsaill that the body of this Towne shall beare the hole charge of the sute now commensed by Mawdelyn Colledg agaynst the collectors of the xv$^{ths}$.

Item, also to beare the charg concernyng the discharge of the suyng forthe of a commyssion for the disposycion of the fee farme which was pardoned in Kyng Edward's raigne.

Item, the Towne shall lykewyse beare the charges yf any sute shall happen to be commensed by M$^{r}$. Standishe, or any other, towching the payment of custome through this Citie. *Council Minute*, 1.

1560, April 24. *Port Meadow Suit to be followed.*

Willyam Tylcocke, Alderman, and Richard Edgys, appoyntted to followe the matter agaynst M$^{r}$. Owen for Port Meade.

*Council Minute*, 1.

1560, April 24. *Town Harness to be applied for.*

M$^{r}$. Edgys and M$^{r}$. Vaghan are appoyntted to repayre to my lord Willyams executo$^{r}$s, for harnes lent by y$^{e}$ Towne.

*Council Minute*, 1 b.

1560, July 6. *Contribution for the Herdsman.*

At a Counsell holden the day and yere above wrytten, that every man, beyng fre, shall become contrybutary to an hird yn Port Meade after ob. the polle for every beast, horsse, . . . . . so y$^{t}$ he be xij monethes old, and this money to make his wages iiij$^{s}$ a wyke from Hollytide day yn May untyll Hallowtyde, and yf it will not amount then the somme to be made upp out of the Sondayes payment, and also to have for y$^{e}$ rest of the yere v$^{s}$ quarterly. *Council Minute*, 2.

1560, Sept. 12. *A Drum to be purchased.*

It was agreed that the Key Kepers shall pay xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ to Austen Kyrke, for his drum, when the drum is covered w$^{t}$ parchm$^{t}$.

*Council Minute*, 4.

1559-60. *Accounts of Rycharde Hanson and Henry Mylwarde, Chamberlains, Mich., 1st Eliz., to Mich.*, 1560.

Item, they aske to be allowed for the fee of my lorde stewarde v$^{li}$

Inp$^{r}$mis, one galon of wyne geven to the Quenes visitors . xvj$^{d}$

Item, payde for two payre of gloves geven to my lord of Bedforde, oure Stewarde . . . . . iiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Item, for two payre of gloves geven unto my lorde of Bedford sonnes at there fyrste comynge to Oxforde . . iiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Item, payde to pursyvaunte that brought a proclamacion agaynste the eatynge of fleshe[49] . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Item, for two payre of gloves that were sent to my lorde of Bedforde by M$^{r}$. Alderman Tylcock . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Item, for wyne geven to M$^{r}$. Wynshcome, M$^{r}$. Browne, and M$^{r}$. Mayre, the xvj$^{th}$ daye of Maye . . . xx$^{d}$

Item, for wyne and apples the same night and for brekefast the nexte mornynge geven to my lorde of Bedforde xxvj$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

Item, for xvj payre of gloves geven the same tyme to my lorde and his company . . . . . xvj$^{s}$

Item, for wyne geven unto M$^{r}$. Norys the xiiij$^{th}$ of June, at his comynge to warne a muster . . . . xx$^{d}$

Item, geven to the same M$^{r}$. Norrys in wyne, suger, and apples, the xx$^{th}$ daye of June . . . . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

[49] BY THE QUENE.

The Quenes hyghnes, upon many great considerations for the benfyte of her common weale, dothe wyll and straigtlye commaund al maner of persons, of what condition soever they be, otherwyse then such as be or shalbe excusyd by unfayned sickenes, or licenced by thauctoritie of her Maiestie or her progenitors, to absteyne from kyllyng, dressyng, or eatyng of anye fleshe upon all such usuall fastynge dayes, and namelye, the tyme commonly called the Lent, upon payne of her Maiesties indignation and imprysonment duryng her Maiesties pleasure, and such further fyne as therefore shall seme mete. For the better execution whereof, her Maiestie chargeth all justices of peace, and all Maiors, Bailiffes, and hed officers of Cities and Townes corporate, specially of her Cities of London and Westmynster, upon profe by two sufficient witnesses before them had, to committe the offendors thereof to pryson, there to remayne durynge her Maiesties pleasure, and to make fine for the same accordynglye.

And fynally, her Maiestie willeth and requireth all such as shalbe upon necessitie and iuste cause licenced as above is sayd, that as they regarde her Maiesties favour, they wyll use the same as modestly and secretely as they may, both to avoyde excesse and evyll example.

Yeven at oure Palayce of Westmynster the vij day of February, the fyrst yeare of oure raygne.

GOD SAVE THE QUENE.

Item, for a dynner geven to M^r. Norrys and my lady hys wyfe xviij^s ix^d

Item, for wyne geven to M^r. Rufferde, captayne under M^r. Norrys, the viij^th daye of July . . . . . ix^d

Item, geven to my lorde Robert Dudleys players[50] . . vj^s viij^d

Item, bestowed upon the said players at M^r. Cogans house . vj^s iiij^d

Item, for two payre of duble gloves geven unto M^r. Smythe, clarke of the Counsel . . . . . iiij^s iiij^d

Item, payde to a pursyvaunt the xxiij^th day of September for bryngynge a proclamacion . . . . iij^s iiij^d

*Audit Book*, p. 25.

1559-60. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Atkynson, Mayor; Richard Hanson and Henry Mylwarde, Chamberlains.* 1 *Eliz^th.* (*Ending Michaelmas*, 1560.)

Simon Bland, late app. to Thomas Cogan.
George Spenser, bocher.
John Momforde, tayller.
John Hortopp, tayller.
Peter Manne, physician.
Swithin Brodwater.
Guy Dew.
William, son of Robert Smythe.
Stephen Ewen, late app. to Richard Whyttyngton, Alderman.
Edward, son of William Kyrkman, baker.
Augustus Gardener.
James, son of Richard Beverley.
Richard Brian, late app. John Wayte.
Hugh Bitterley, late app. Hen. Hordway.
Henry Smythe.
John Tomson.

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1560, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Tylcoke.

*Bailiffs*, { John Tettersale, Robert Fruen.

*Chamberlains*, { Maurice Vaghan, John Gorton.

*Council.*
Silvester Kechyn.
Thomas Peny.
Richard Lennard.
George Monday.
Thomas Wylde.

A. 93 b.

[50] The following interesting letter has been preserved concerning these players (Lodge's *Ill. Brit. Hist.*, i. 307) :—

MY GOOD LORDE,

Where my servants, bringers hereof unto you, be such as ar plaiers of interludes, and for the same have the licence of diverse of my Lordes here, undre ther seales and handis, to play in diverse shieres within the realme undre there auethorities as maie amplie appere unto your L. by the same licence. I have thought among the rest by my letters to beseech your good L. conformitie to them likewise, that they may have your hand and seale to ther licence for the like libertye in Yorkeshier; being honest men, and suche as shall plaie none other matters I trust, but tollerable and convenient, wherof some of them have bene herde here alredie before diverse of my Lordis. For whome I shall have good cause to thanke your L., and to remaine your L. to the best that shall lie in my little power. And thus I take my leave of your good L. From Westm. the . . . of June, 1559.

Your good L. assured,
R. DUDLEY.

To the right honourable and my very good Lorde th' Erle of Shrewesburie.

1560, Oct. 5. *Thorder for spekyng yn the Counsale house.*

At a Counsaill holden the v$^{th}$ day of October, a$^{o}$ domini 1560 (E. Reg. 2$^{do}$), it was agreed by the Mayre, Aldermen, and Counsaill of the said Citie that yf any two men shall happen to stand upp together to speke or aunswere any matter proposed by M$^{r}$. Mayre or any Counsellour spekyng before, that then the said two persons to sytt downe and the house to geve judgement whether was fyrst, and he to speke fyrst, and every man y$^{t}$ whysper or talke to his fellowe whyle another is talkyng yn his course to forfeit iiij$^{d}$ to be payed immedyatly, and put yn to the chest of restytucion.

A. 37.

1560/61, Jan. 12. *Robert Atkynson.*

At a Counsaill holden the xij$^{th}$ day of January, a$^{o}$ dn$^{i}$ 1560, it was agreed by M$^{r}$. Mayre and the Counsaill of the Citie that Robert Atkinson the sonne of Rychard Atkynson, Alderman, studyent yn the Temple shall have yerely of the body of this Citie one anuytie or annuall rent of fyftie thre shillings and fourpence of currant Englyshe money, [and] to be of the Counsaill of the body of the same Citie. A. 37.

1560/61, Jan. 23. *That the Aldermen shall sytt on the benche at the Courts.*

At a Counsaill holden the xxiij$^{th}$ day of January, a$^{o}$ domini 1560, it was agreed by M$^{r}$. Mayre and hole Counsaill of the Citie that the Aldermen shall alwayes sytt uppon the benche, and be assistant unto the Mayre for the tyme beyng uppon the Courte dayes according to the aunceant custome of the same Citie heretofore used, and aunceant and senior Aldermen to execute yn the Courts yn the absence of the Mayre as hathe byn also used and accustomed.

A. 37.

*Order to be taken with the Counsell of Magdalen College.*

It is agreed that o$^{r}$ Counsaill and the Counsaill of Magdalen Colledge shall come together, and what order shall be taken by the Counsaill of bothe sydes then above appoyntted shall stand unto the same, and fynally the body of this Towne. *Council Minute,* 7.

1561, April 16. *A Herdsman for Port Meadow to be appointed.*

It is agreed that the Baylies for the yere shall appoyntt forthw$^{th}$ an herde to kepe the Towne cattall yn Portman eight meadowe, and what agream$^{t}$ that make for his wages, this house to see for the payment. *Council Minute,* 8.

1561, June 13. *An exemplificacion of a Ryott sealed.*

At a Counsaill holden the xiij day of June, 1561, there was an exemplyficacion of an hole sessyons holden at the said Citie for the fyndyng of a ryott at Oxford, don and comytted by certen of Wolvercote, before Thomas Unton and others, Justyces of peax w^t^in the Citie of Oxford, the viij^th^ day of July, a^o^ reg. Hen. viij decimo. A. 37.

1561, Aug. 6. *Laborers for offyces.*

At a Counsaill holden the vj^th^ day of August, a^o^ d^ni^ 1561, it was agreed by M^r^. Mayre and the Counsaill of the Citie that whosoever shall labor by hym self, or cause or procure any labor by his frynds, or acquayntaince for any offyce w^t^in this Citie at any tyme after the makyng herof, he the same person or persons so laboryng in maner as is aforesaid shall forfeyt for every tyme so offending contrary to the true meanyng of this acte xl^s^. A. 37.

1561, Sept. 4. *Turff dyggyng in Portmanheyte.*

Att a Counsaill holden the iiij^th^ day of September (1561), it is agreed by M^r^. Mayre and the Counsaill that no fremen of this body shall from hensforth digge any turffe or earthe in sydelyng or any parte therof, for any maner of cause, uppon payne of forfeyture of x^s^ for every tyme he or they shall so dygge, and the partie w^ch^ shall present the offendor to have iij^s^ iiij^d^ out of the said some of x^s^, unles M^r^. Mayre or the Baylis for the tyme geve leve for the necessatie of the towne, or of some mans privat mede beyng requyred. A. 37 b.

The same day M^r^. Roger Tailler had leve to fetche earthe from Portmaneyte to mend his mounds of Crypley.

*Council Minute*, 10.

1561, Sept. 4. *Election of two Assistants.*

John Wayte and Thomas Cogan elected assistants.

*Council Minute*, 10 b.

1561, Sept. 18. *Two Assistants elected at the instance of the High Steward.*

At a Counsaill holden the xviij^th^ day of September a^o^ domini (1561), it was agreed by the Mayre and the hole Counsaill of the Citie, the right hono^r^able the Erle of Bedd, High Stuard, beyng present, that: notw^t^standing the acte made the xix^th^ day of September yn the fyrst and second yeres of the raignes of Kyng Phillip and Quene Mary for the eight persons of assystance out of the w^ch^

the Mayre shold be elygyble wt the Aldermen, two other of assystaunce shalbe chosen and adyoyned to the xiij, eligible also for the offyce of the Mayre at wch Counsaill John Wayte and Thomas Cogan are elected to be of that number. A. 37 b.

1561, Sept. 25. *Letter from the Earl of Bedford, High Steward, to Sir William Cecill, Kt.*

After my hartie commendacions and many thankes for yor gentlenes caused to be shewed me in north shyre, having bene thes fewe daies past at Oxeford, as well to assiste the well affected townesmen for thelection of an honest and religious governor amonge them for their Maior, as also to heare and see whar good shuld be done in this visitacion by the Bysshopps, I fynd so moche alredy as by this enclosed you shall perceive the contents, bycause they be long and the tyme now shorte, I referre to yor good consideracion, praieing yor favor therin to Laurence Humfrey, who as things now stande wt yor good helpe may be moche ayded and advaunced, and will upon the condicions encluded in that letter be content to resigne that prebende wch you holpe him unto; how meete he is for the place, all things wayed, I speak not of. But now onely write as to let you understand whar good may be done for him, preventing other attempts that might peradventure be made against him and other. About ij or iij daies hence I will send a man purposely to wayte upon you to knowe yor good opinion herof, and so hoping shortely to come do my duetye to the Quenes Matie, and to gyve you thankes I byd you as my selfe ffarewell, ffrom Woborne this xxvth of Septemb., 1561.

Yors right assured,
F. BEDFORD.

*Ptscript.* How I have bene handeled for the Commission of the Sewers for the Lincoln shyre men and other in my next letters I shall shewe you.

*To Sr Willm Cecill, Knight, with enclosure from Richard Chambers.*

*State Papers, Domest., Eliz.*, vol. xix. No. 55.

1560-1. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Tylcocke, Mayor; Maurice Vaghan and John Gorton, Chamberlains. 2 Eliz. [ending Michaelmas,* 1561.]

Robert Hyde, late app. of Justinian Blakemore.
Thomas Penny, gent.
William Ellis, tayller.
Edmund Tomson, app. of John Bridgman.
William, eldest son of William Dewe, bocher.

Thomas Scott, late app. of William Tilcock, Alderman.
Nicholas Paggett.
Robert Wilson, bocher.
Christopher Sewell, smythe.
Richard Hall, late app. of Andrew Ricott.
Walter Oven, late app. of John Wesborne.
Thomas Parkes, late of Marlborowe, shoemaker.
Hugh Wryght, cowper.

p. 241.

1560-1. *The Accounts of Moryce Vaghan and John Gorton, late Chamberlains, from Mich. 2nd to Michaelmas 3rd Eliz.*

In primis, to the pursyvant that brought the proclamacion for gold[51] . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for ij payre of gloves geven to my lord of Bedford . xx$^{s}$
Item, geven to Hutchins the bereward . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to my lord of Bedford's sonnes in wyne and apples at there commynge to Oxford after Christmas . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, for the carryeng the stampes to the Tower . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to hym, Sylvester Kechyn, for mending the peneles benche . . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for ij posts and ij studds for the cuckyng stole . xx$^{d}$
Item, for the planke to make the stole, and rounds to the ij ladders viij$^{d}$
Item, for carryage of the same planke . . . ij$^{d}$
Item, payed to Tryndall for iij whelles . . . ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, p$^{d}$ to Wynkley for the irne pynne . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, p$^{d}$ to Quenes jester . . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, to the pursyvant that brought the proclamacion for unlawfull games . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, a pottell of wyne geven to M$^{r}$ John Wynchecombe . viij$^{d}$
Item, to the pursyvant that brought y$^{e}$ proclamacion for shipps[52] iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, geven to the Dean of Chrysts Churche a gallon of wyne xvj$^{d}$

Charges of my lord of Bedford.

ffor apples, peres and wyne . . . . . v$^{s}$
Item, ij capons . . . . . iij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, a quarter of mutton . . . . . xx$^{d}$
Item, to my lords secretory . . . . . vj$^{s}$
Item, to Gybbons for gloves . . . . . xvj$^{s}$
Item, to Garbrand Harks as appired by his bill of partyculers liiij$^{s}$
Item, to Mr. Elmes for a tunne of bere . . . xl$^{s}$

[51] Two proclamations were issued, one dated Sept. 27, for the valuation of divers forraine coines of gold, and another dated Nov. 2, for the valuation of pistolets, which are described as being gold forraine coynes.

[52] A proclamation that Frenchmen may have intercourse with their ships in the ports of this realme was issued Jan. 6.

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| Item, to the Quenes bereward . . . . | vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, spent uppon hym . . . . . | x$^{d}$ |
| Item, for uppyng the ground byrde in portemeade . . | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, spent uppon swannyards in Oxford . . . | iij$^{s}$ |
| Item, for upping of half game in cowe meade . . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for markyng ij whyte game . . . . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, at Abyngdon . . . . . | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, at Ifley spent on the swannyards . . . | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, payed to Denys Hycks for bote hyre . . . | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a busshell and a half of ottes . . . | xv$^{d}$ |
| Item, for ij busshills barley . . . . . | ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, geven to the busshops a gallon of wyne . . | xx$^{d}$ |
| Inprimus, to my lord of Bedd[ford], High Steward . | v$^{li}$ |

1561, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Wayte.

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Ryley, John Hartley. | *Chamberlains*, { John Cumber, William Pyckover.

1562, July 29, *Town Clerk*, John Heydon[63].

1561, Oct. 8. *Irne bond Carts of Brewers.*

At a Counsaill holden the viiij$^{th}$ day of October, A$^{o}$ d$^{ni}$ (1561), it is agreed by M$^{r}$. Mayre, the Aldermen and Counsaill of the Citie, that no bruer of ale or bere shall carry any bere or lycor w$^{t}$ iernebond carts w$^{t}$in the Citie and precincts of the same after the feast of Chrystmas nexte commyng, uppayne of forfeyture of there wheles. And the Bayles for the tyme beyng shall execute this acte, and have the moytie or one half of the forfeyture, and the other moytie to remayne to the use of the body of the said Citie. And that the Bayles for not executing the same statute to forfeyt for every tyme tenne shillings. And this acte so enduryng for ever. A. 37 b.

1561, Oct. 8. *Act concerning stray Hoggs.*

It is agreed that every hogge goyng yn the strete w$^{t}$in the iiij gates shalbee taken by ther Bayles as a strayes, and he that cometh to clayme them to pay for every hogge xvj$^{d}$, provyded that this exstend not to hym y$^{t}$ shall dryve his hoggs through the Citie; and yn the defalt of the Bayles not executyng this acte to forfeyt for every hogge iiij$^{d}$. *Council Minute*, 11 b.

[63] In the place of Thomas Wadloff.

1561, Oct. 14. *An order for the laying out of the Chamberlaynes.*

At a Counsaill holden the xiiij$^{th}$ day of October, Anno D'ni 1561, it is agreed and concludyd according to an aunceant custome, by the Mayre, Aldermen, and Bayles and Counsall of the said Citie, that the Chamberlaynes of the same Citie for the tyme beyng shall not from hensforthe by any kynde of thing, or pay or lay out any money w$^{t}$out the consent and knowledge of the Mayres Seriant for the tyme beyng, who shall alwayes kepe his boke of all suche layings out, or at the lest sett his hande to the Chamberlaynes boke for suche partyculer somes as they shall deburse from tyme to tyme. A. 38.

1561, Nov. 10. *The Bailiffs discommoned by the University.*

In convocatione celebrata 1561, Novembr 10, decretum est unanimi assensu magistrorum, Regentium et non Regentium M$^{rum}$. Riley et M$^{rum}$. Hartley ballivas villæ Oxon, eo quod privilegia Universitatis violarunt et indigne privilegiatos tractarunt, interdictos esse ab omni commercio cum aliquo privilegiatorum universitatis predictæ; ita ut non liceat alicui privilegiatorum dictæ universitatis emere contrahere aut aliquod omnino cum ballivis predictis aut eorum altero commercium exercere, sub poena cujuslibet privilegiati in hac parte delinquentis 6$^{s}$ 8$^{d}$ pro qualibet vice solvenda, dimidium universitati et alterum dimidium deprehendenti predictum delinquentem.

*Twyne*, xiii. 387.

1561, Dec. 9. *The Bailiffs reconciled to the University.*

Nono Decembris, 1561, celebrata est convocatio magistrorum regent' et non Regent' in qua urgebatur de restitutione Ballivorum Oxon, ad pristinum statum ita ut liceret unicuique privilegiatorum cum illis contrahere vendere emere et omne commercium cum illis exercere. Quo tempore coram publico omnium cetu M$^{r}$. Rilee Ballivus petiit ut possit restitui seque dolere contestatus est eo quod privilegia universitatis violarat, seque in posterum eadem defensurum quatenus præstito juramento oppidanis non repugnarent. Alter etiam Ballivus M$^{r}$. Hartley idem rogavit eademque est pollicitus se præstiturum. Hic peractis consultatione habita authoritate ejusdem convocationis, uterque Ballivorum et M$^{r}$. Rilee et M$^{r}$. Hartlie Ballivi Oxon ejusdem instantis anni, ad pristinum statum restituti sunt non obstante priore decreto edito 10 Novembr, 1561.

*Twyne*, xiii. 387.

1561/62, Jan. 9. *Thomas Smalepage dismissed the Council house.*

At a Counsaill holden the ix^th^ day of January, 1561, it is agreed and concludyd by the Mayre, Aldermen, and the Counsaill of the Citie that M^r^. Thomas Smalepage shall remayne out of this house uppon an offence by hym don to the body untyll he shalbe thought uppon his submission to be of new remytted and taken in agayne by this house. A. 38.

1561/62, Jan. 9. *Auditors to be chosen from the Counsell.*

It is agreed that the custome in chusyng of audytors out of every parishe two shall from hensforth cease, and the audytors to be chosen by this house of most aptyst and fytes men and the nomber y^t^ shalbe chosen shalbe xviij, and not to procede w^t^out the nomber of xij, every audytor y^t^ maketh defalt to forfeyt ij^s^. *Council Minute*, 12.

1561/62, Jan. 9. *Mr. Mayor's charges allowed.*

It was agreed that M^r^. Mayre shall have his charges allowed by the Key Kepers at his last jorney, beyng sent for to the Counsaill about the indytement of the Fryers. *Council Minute*, 13.

1561/62, Jan. 19. *John Cumber dismissed the Council house.*

At a Counsaill holden the xix^th^ day of January, anno predicto, it was enacted and agreed by M^r^. Mayre theldermen and Counsaill of the same Citie that John Cumber shall remayne out of thes house upon an offence by hym don untyll he shalbe thought mete uppon his submyssion to be of new remytted and taken yn agayne by thys house. A. 38.

1561/62, Jan. 20. *The Mayor and Town Clerk to follow the Suits.*

It is agreed by the Mayre and his Counsell that the Towne Clarke shall go to London to follow two sutes agaynst Nycoll Day for M^r^. Wayte and M^r^. Tylcoke, the matter in the Starr Chamber and the Exchequer for Mawdelyn Colledge.

Item, that M^r^. Garbrand Harts, shall kepe the Counsell bok, and serve his place for the audytors. *Council Minute*, 13.

1561/62, Jan. 27. *S^t^. Mary College Suit.*

Yt ys agreyd at a Cowncell holden the 27 of Januarye, y^t^ M^r^. Mayre and M^r^. Wood shall goo unto London a bowt the suete of Saynct Mary Colledg. *Council Minute*, 13 b.

15$\frac{61}{62}$, March 11. *Thomas Ryley's House made an Inn.*

[Thomas Ryleys house in Saynt Maries parishe shall hensforth be an Inne, and so allowed, reputed, and taken contynually, and that he shall have hit exemplyfyed under the seale of the office of the Maraltie. And noe inne to be sett upp w$^{t}$in this fraunchis from hensforthe by the lyke authorytie. A. 37 b.

1562, April 13. *Payment to Thomas Wadloff for Repairs.*

It is agreed that Thomas Wadloff, the Towne Clarke, shall have vij$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ for all his charges, partycions, glasse, benche, back, and coffer in the wall, and flour in the parlor dores, and locks in the house under the Counsaill house where he now dwelleth, and the money to be delyvered at his departure by the Key Kepers.

*Council Minute*, 14 b.

1562, June 19. *Ordinances of the Glovers' Company to be sealed.*

It is enacted the day and yere above wrytten, by the hole body of the Counsaill, that the Towne seale shalbe put to the boke of the mystery of glovers w$^{ch}$ was reade in this house, so that the same boke be allowed by the justyces of the assises, and also do enter into bonds for the bryngyng upp of the children in the hospytall, as shalbe reasonably devysed by this house. *Council Minute*, 16 b.

1562, June 19. *Certain appointed for governing the new Hospital.*

It was enacted that these iij persons shall be the mastris of the hole doers, towching the government of the new erected hospytall here in Oxford, viz.

JAMES ATWOOD.
THOMAS WYNKLEY.
GARBRAND HARKS.

*Council Minute*, 17 b.

1562, June 19. *William Noble committed for slander.*

It was agreed by the hole Counsaill that W$^{m}$. Noble shall goo to warde uppon a slaunder agaynst the Mayre, Aldermen, and 10 of Assistaunce. *Council Minute*, 17 b.

1562, June 19. *The Aiders of John Cumber.*

At a Counsaill holden the xix$^{th}$ day of June, 1562, it was enacted and agreed by M$^{r}$. Mayer and the hole Counsaill, that all those that

have subscrybed there names, or willed there names to be subscrybed to the mayntenaunce of John Cumber in his disobedyence agaynst Mr. Mayre and the worship of this Citie, shall remayne out of the Counsaill of the same, and out of the Counsaill of the Mayres assistaunce, and not to be taken yn agayne wtout the consent of this house, untyll they shall uppon there submyssion be thought mete by them to be recevyd agayne.

Whose names ensuen,

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| William Tylcoke, Ald. | Thomas Smalepage. |
| John Wakelyn. | Thomas Gyles. |
| Edward Fryur. | Willyam Noble. |
| Willyam Pantre. | Morice Vaghaun. |
| James Dodwell. | Thomas Penye. |
| John Phillips. | |

And all others that shalbe approved, there consents or names to be to the bill, only excepted those yt made ther submission beyng circumvented unto Mr. Mayre. A. 38.

*John Cumber to be imprisoned.*

Eodem die, it was enacted by the Counsaill abovesaid that John Cumber, at his cummyng home, shalbe called before the Mayre and the thurtene, and there shall put yn suerties to them for to make his accompte at Mighelmas for suche money as he hathe recevyd of the Treasor of this Towne, or to lay hit out from tyme to tyme as he shalbe requyred when nede shalbe, and that he shall receve no more money of the Towne Treasor from the fyrst tyme of his imprisonment, and if he refuse so to do, then to be sent to pryson by Mr. Mayre untyll he do hit. A. 38.

*Pantre to behave Himself.*

Eodem die, it was agreed by the Counsaill aforesaid yt Mr. Mayre and ye justyces shall put Pantre to his good abering for to behave hymself honestly amongst his neighbors, as they shall see cause, according to the comyssion of the peax. A. 38.

1562, July 14. *A Letter from the Privy Council to enquire concerning a Disorder committed by Schollers.*

A lettre to John Doyleye and Richard Fenyes, Esq., to examine by the best meanes they can a disorder of late committed by certaine scollers of the University of Oxforde, as by a lettre enclosed

sent from the Mayor of Oxford to the Earle of Bedforde may appeare. They are willed to repaier to Oxforde, and to examine there the circumstances therof, and to sende vj of the chiefest of the committers of this disorder hither, and to bynde the rest to appere personally the first day of the next terme in the Starr Chamber, and to signifye hither what they shall fynde herein.

A lettre to the Vice Chancellor of Oxford, to be aideing and assistinge to the said Mr. Doyley and Mr. Fenys in the doing hereof.

*Privy Council Registers*, i. 35.

1562, July 25. *Certain Schollers committed to the Flete.*

A lettre to the Warden of the Flete, wth the bodies of John Lloyd, William Langley, Henry Powell, and Thomas Bulkeley, scollers of Oxforde, whom he is willed to kepe in safe custody untill he shall receve furder order from hence. *Privy Council Registers*, i. 40.

1562, July 28. *Letter from the Privy Council to the Mayor and Bailiffs of Oxford.*

A lettre to the Mayor and Bailifs of Oxforde, containeing the order taken here wth the scollers accused for the rescuing of a prisoner, wth declaration that it was alledged the principall occacion of the disorder to have rysen upon the said Mayors committing of a privileged personne to prison, and his refuseing to deliver him upon request duly made by the Vice Chauncellor, to the wch matters he must therefore be aunswerable. Requireing and charging them to lyve quietlye, and not to offer any violence tending to the breche of anye of the said priviliges of the Universitye, to the observation whereof the said Mayor was sworn, charging them fynally not to offer anye wrong to the scollers, ether by haughti woords or lewde deades, publikely or privatelye, as they wold answer for the contrarye according to lawe and justice.

*Privy Council Registers*, i. 42.

1562, July 29. *Election of Town Clerk.*

John Heydon elected into the office of Town Clerk of this city.

*Council Minute*, 17 b.

1562, Sept. 4. *For thelleccions of the Mayer, Bayllyffs, and Chamberlaynes.*

At a Counceyll holden the iiijth daye of September, anno d'ni 1562, yt was this daye ordered, enacted, and agreed by Mr. Mayer

and the xiij, w$^{th}$ the assent and concente of the auncyent Bailliffs and others, that from hensefurthe this order hereafter for the eleccyon of the Mayer and Bailliffs shall alwayes be observed and kepte, that is to saye, that three persons owte of the xiij for the tyme beinge, suche as shalbe thowght meate and convenyent by the awncyenth aforeseid beinge xxiiij$^{th}$ to the forseid xiij$^{th}$, or by the more parte of theym shalbe named, and their names to be wrytten severally in lytle scrolls, w$^{th}$ tenne blankes wrytten lykewyse severallye in scrolls. And then to be putt in a boxe w$^{th}$ a cover, and so to be shaked and tombled together by as menye in the howse as lyste. And then one person amongest theym, w$^{ch}$ shalbe in the same howse chosen, and he to take owte all the scrolls one after another. And the two fyrste persons, whose names shalbe taken forthe, shall stonde at the commons hands for the eleccyon of the Mayer for the yere then nexte followinge. And this order to be lykewyse used for the eleccyon of the Bailliffs, owte of suche as have been Bailliffs and Chamberleyns, beinge fowre persons named and wrytten severallye in scrolles, w$^{th}$ twentye blanckes for the reste of the Baylliffs and Chamberleyns names, w$^{ch}$ shalbe putt into the boxe, and so used as aforeseid. And the person beinge elected and blyndefeld as aforeseid, to take the scrolls owte orderly as aforeseid, and the three fyrste scrolls havinge names therof shalbe the thre persons that shall stonde at the commons hands for the eleccyon of the Bailliffs for the yere then nexte ensewinge, that is to saye, the two fyrste names to be and stonde for the eleccyon of the auncyent Baillif, and the auncyent Bayllif beinge elected, the other that stode w$^{th}$ hym to stonde w$^{th}$ the other thirde person for the yonger Bayllyf.

Item, the daye and yere aboveseid at the said Counsayll, yt is lykewyse ordered, enacted, and agreed by the assents of the forseid M$^{r}$. Mayer, the xiij$^{th}$, w$^{th}$ the auncyent Baylliffs and others, that the order for the eleccyon of the Chamberleyns shall alwayes be lykewyse herafter kepte and observyd, that is to saye, that fowre persons shalbe chosen as aforeseid, and their names wrytten in scrolls severallye, and putt into the boxe as aforeseid, and tenne blancks more to be lykewise put in w$^{th}$ the same. And to be used as aforeseid, and the person chosen as afore is said to take owte the scrolles orderlye as aforeseid, untyll he hathe taken owte three names; and the Mayer for the tyme beinge to chose for his Chamberleyn one of the three names w$^{ch}$ shall come forthe orderlye as aforeseid; and the other two persons names that shall come forthe shall stonde and be putt to the commons for the eleccyon of the other Chamberleyn for the yere ensewinge. A. 39.

1562, Sept. 7. *Thorders for the Elleccion for the Mayor, Baylyffs, and Chamberleyns.*

Item, the daye and yere aboveseid, the hole Cownceyll beinge called together before Mr. Mayer, have wth a full assente, concente, and agreamt, ordered, enacted, and agreed that certeyn good and godlye lawes made and devysed by Mr. Mayer that nowe is and the xiijth, wth the assente and concente of the moste parte of the moste auncyent and wyseste Baylliffs and other sadd and discreate cytezens of the same Cytie, the iiijth daye of September laste paste before the date herof, wch is subscrybed wth their hands and markes remayninge wth Mr. Mayer, for the eleccyon of the Mayer, Baylliffs, and Chamberlayens of this same Cytie of Oxford, for the yere shalbe nowe entred and enrolled of recorde, to remayne and stonde as an order and a lawe for ever hereafter to be observed and kepte wthin this same Cytie. And also orderyd, enacted, and agreed at this same Counceyll that the xxiiijth wch arre to be assocyat to Mr. Mayer, and the xij accordinge to the same orders devysed, shalbe taken and chosen owte of the moste awncyent, wyseste, and discreteste persons as to the seid Mr. Mayer and the xij shalbe thowght good, beinge nowe of the Counseyll of the same Cytie, that is to saye, that the forseid Mr. Mayer wth the xij shall fyrst name one, and then the same one beinge chosen and elected into the same Counceyll as one of the xxiiijth, to joyne wth Mr. Mayer and the xij for the chosinge of the offycers as is appoynted in the same order, shall then joyne wth Mr. Mayer and the xij for the chosinge of the nexte person that shalbe named, and so every person as he shalbe chosen in, to be in the howse, shall have his voyce wth Mr. Mayer and the xiijth for so manye as shalbe named and elected after hym, untyll the forseid xxiiijth be fully named, chosen, and apoynted as aforeseid, wch shall make upp the number of xxxvijth persons, accordynge to the same actes made and devysed as aforeseid; and so to remayne for ever wthoute cawse reasonable to be openyd and shewed and proved before the Mayer and his Counceyll for the tyme beinge, and so from tyme to tyme to be chosen as the number shall decaye, wch seid orders devysed as aforeseid hereafter dothe followe. A. 38 b.

1562, Sept. 7. *No man to be Mayre untyll vj yeres be paste of his fyrst Mayeraltye.*

Item, at a Counseyll holden this daye before Mr. Mayer and the hole Counseill, yt is ordered, enacted, and agreed that the artycle made in the fyrste and seconde yeres of Kynge Phyllip and Quene

Marie, that no person shuld be in the eleccyon of the Mayer of this Cytie untyll thre yeres after he had ben Mayer shalbe voyde. And nowe orderyd and agreid that no person w^ch^ hathe or shalbe Mayer of this Cytie, shall at anye tyme herafter be putt in eleccyon for to be Mayer untyll syxe yeres be fullye paste after the last yere that he hathe ben Mayer of this Cytie. A. 39 b.

*Rabon admitted into the Liberties.*

Item, at the same Counseyll yt is orderyd that William Rabon, late apprentyce to Richard Claxton, tayllo^r^, shall notw^t^stonding he be not enrolled, be made free of this Cytie, for that upon good proves w^ch^ came before this Counseyll, beinge Cytezens, yt was well proved that he served his apprentycchode. A. 39 b.

*A Letter of Attorney agaynst M^r^. Alderman Tylcock.*

Item, at the same Counceyll yt was orderyd that where an ordre was for the letter of attorney to be made ageynst W^m^. Tylcock, sometyme Alderman of the Cytie of Oxford, for CC^li^ geven by M^r^. Mallyson, late Alderman of the same Cytie, to a certeyn use, &c. to James Atwood, Thomas Wynkeley, and Garbrand Harks, cytezens of the same Cytie, yt is this daye agreid that the same lettre of attorney shalbe onelye made to Thomas Wynkeley and Thomas Wadlof, cytezens of the same Cytie. A. 39 b.

*Furres and Hortopp dismssyed the Cowunseyll.*

Item, at the same Counseyll yt is ordered that Thomas Furres and William Hortoppe, cytezens of this Cytie, be dismyssed this howse for being anye more accounseyll w^th^ the Mayer of this Cytie, untyll their submyssyon for their offences done openlye in the howse. A. 39 b.

*Gorton and Gybons put owte of the Counseyll howse.*

Item, yt is at the same Counseyll ordeyned and agreid that John Gorton and Ric. Gybbons, cytezens of this Cytie, for their evyll behavyo^r^, and for their heynows wo^r^ds spoken openly before the hole Counceyll shalbe dismyssed this howse for beinge anye of the Counseyll of this Cytie, and also that ther shalbe dischardged of their imprysonem^t^ upon requeste of this hole Counseyll, but for the words that was spoken they shall awnswer therto if they be called. A. 39 b.

1562. *Ordinances of the Glovers of the City of Oxford.*

Petition of the Mayster, and Wardeyns, and Fellowship of the craft and mysterye of glovers, to S^r^. Edwarde Saunders, K^t^. and Thomas Carns the Quenes seriaunt at the lawe for incorporation.

A. 40—45.

1562, Sept. 15. *For M^r^. Owens matter.*

At this Counceyle holden this day before M^r^. Mayor it is ordeyned that M^r^. Maior wyth the Aldermen Thomas Elmes, Rychard Willyams, Roger Tayller, Thomas Wadloffe, and the Towne Clerk, shall at one of the clocke this present aftrenone goe to M^r^. Owens house to Godstowe to mete M^r^. Fynes for the ffynall determynacion betwene the said M^r^. Owen and this Citie. A. 46.

1562, Sept. 15. *Archdale admitted and sworn into the liberties of the City.*

[Barnard Arsedale, at the request of Rychard Archdale, gent., brother to the same Barnard, shalbe admitted into the freedome of this Citie.] A. 46.

1562, Sept. 16. *For settinge of the mere stones in Porte meade.*

At a Counsell holden the day and yere above said it is ordeyned, enacted, and agreed that Thomas Willyams, Alderman Rychard Edgis, and John Readshaw one of the Baylliffs sergyants shall goe presently to M^r^. Owens house at Godstow to mete M^r^. Fynes for the settynge of the mere stones for the matter late in varyance betwene this Citie and the said M^r^. Owen. A. 46.

1562, Sept. 16. *That there shalbe but* xij *Assistaunts to the Mayo^r^.*

Item, it is lykewyse [at] this Counsell ordered and agreed that M^r^. Tilcock, Alderman, whoe was put out by an acte made by consent of this Councell the xvj^th^ day of June last past before the date hereof, shall stand in dispence for his submyssion for his offence untyll the ffeast of Christmas next comyng. And then this house upon his submyssion to take order whether he shalbe admytted agayne to be one of the twelve w^ch^ from hensforth shalbe the twelve that is appoynted to be assistants and accounsell w^th^ M^r^. Mayer for the tyme beynge, that is to say there shalbe iiij Aldermen, and viij auncyent persons, and no more. And that the order for two persons that was made the iiij^th^ daye of Septemb. a^o^ 1561, at a Cownceyll then holden to be putt to the xiij^th^ to make upp xv persons w^th^ the Mayer, shall from this daye forwards be made frus-

trate and voyde, and that these persons herafter named be appoynted, elected, and chosen at this Counceyll ffrom henseforward to be assystaunts and accounceyll w^th^ the Mayer for the tyme beinge, w^eh^ shalbe xij persons to the Mayo^r^ accordynge to the olde custome for xiij. And that these shall alwayes be taken, and so goo and be nexte in senyorytie to the Mayo^r^ for the tyme beinge durynge the tyme so that they be of this nomber of xiij, that is to saye:

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| *Aldermen.* | Ric. Atkyns,<br>Rauf. Flaxney,<br>Thomas Williams,<br>Ric. Whyttington. | John Wayte,<br>Tho. Elmes,<br>John Barton,<br>Nich. Todde. | Ric. Williams,<br>Tho. Cogan,<br>Roger Taylloʳ,<br>William Mathewe. |

Cytezens of the same Cytie w^ch^ from hensefurthe shall stonde and be the assystaunts to the Mayer for the tyme beinge, owte of w^ch^ xiij persons the Mayer shalbe chosen, accordynge to the order heretofore taken. A. 46.

*The Eleccion of the* xxiiij *Associats.*

Item, at the same Counceyll the eleccyon of the xxiiij^th^ persons to be assocyatts to the forseid xij persons and the Mayer, w^ch^ be called assystaunts to the Mayer for the tyme beinge, was elected to the forseid xij persons, and to the Mayer for the eleccyon of the Mayer and Bayllyffs accordynge to the order heretofore made, and there names at this Counceyll openly red w^ch^ by this Counceyll were ratefyed, confyrmed and allowed to be verrye sadde, discrete, and auncyent persons, and moste meateste to be chosen thereunto, whose names herafter appere beinge xxiiij^th^ in nomber:

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| John Walkelen. | Richard Edgys. | Wm. Spencer. |
| Roger Hewett. | Androw Rycott. | James Atwood. |
| Richard Flaxney. | William Levyns. | John Tetersale. |
| Richard Iverye. | Robert Lyncke. | John Harteley. |
| William Tovye. | John Roope. | Henry Bolton. |
| Thomas Wynkeley. | Nicholas Gybbott. | John Forreste, smythe. |
| Edward Broke. | William Alder. | Garbrand Harks. |
| Andrew Burnett. | John Smythe. | William Pyckover. |

*How the Election of the Mayor and Baylyfs was used.*

Item, the same daye at a Counseyll accordynge to the order for the eleccyon of the Mayer and Baylyffs, holden by Mr. Mayer, the iiij Aldermen, the viij Assystaunts, and the xxiiij^th^ persons aforenamed being called together, dyd all secretlye one after another geve their voyces to the Towne Clerke, wh^ch^ was sworne upon the hollye Evangelyste justelye to declare who had most voyces, and so the moste voyces dryve and fell that these thre persons to be putt in the boxe accordynge to the order for the eleccyon of the Mayer for

the yere nowe nexte ensewinge, that is to saye Rauf Flaxney, Alderman Nich. Todde and Ric. Williams, assystaunts. And upon the puttynge of the tenne scrolles beinge blancks herd rolled together into the boxe to the forseid names, beinge lykewyse herde rolled in thre severall scrolls, one John Smythe being one of the xxiiij$^{th}$ aforeseid, was sworne justelye to take owte the scrolls orderlye one after another, so that Rauf Flaxney and Ric. Williams were the two persons accordynge to the order w$^{ch}$ arre to be putt to the commons for the eleccyon of the Mayer for the yere then nexte followynge. And lykewyse the lyke order was taken for the eleccion of the Bayliffes for the yere then next ensuynge, w$^{ch}$ voyces geven secretly as aforesayd, there was put into a boxe theise four persons names, that is to say Edward Broke, John Forrest, Thomas Rypingale, and John Ropp, and twentie blanks hard rolled together as aforesaid, and the foresaid John Smythe, on of the xxiiij$^{th}$ aforesaid, dyd orderly, beyng chardged as aforesayd, take out the scroulles, so that John Rope and John Forrest, smyth, accordyng to the order are to be put to the commons for the eleccion of theldest Bayliffe, and the forsaid Edward Broke *alias* Lyttle was taken out and lyeth in thelexcyon at the commons hands, w$^{th}$ one of thother two, that the comons shall refuse for the yonger Baylif. A. 46 b.

*Those who break the Orders of the Councill to be imprisoned.*

At this same Counsell the chardges for fetchynge of the Councylls lettre downe directed to Mr. Mayre and his brethern, concernynge the apprehension of suche persons that obstynatlye go aboute to breake suche goodly orders as this Councell, w$^{th}$ the advyse of all the auncyents of this Cytye, have devysed for the eleccyon of the Mayre and Baylyffs, shalbe borne of the Towne coffers.

*Council Minute*, 23.

1562, Sept. 24. *Lycences for Wyne taken in and sellinge.*

At this Counsell it is ordeyned, enacted, and agreed that Mr. Walklyn and Mr. Littles lycence shalbe taken in, heretofore graunted by this house for sellynge of wyne, and they dismyssed by this house for sellyng any more wyne w$^{th}$in this Citie; and that Alyce Hore *alias* Lambe, widowe, and Garbrand Harks, stacioner, shall have the Towne seale, and to be admitted and allowed accordyng to the statute and Acte of Parliam$^{t}$ for the sellyng of wyne w$^{th}$in this Citie.

A. 47.

1562, Sept. 26. *Thomas Wadloff, late Town Clerk, admitted; William Spenser dismissed.*

[Thomas Wadloff to be one of the xxiiij for the eleccion of the Mayre, and Baylliffs, and Chamberlyes, and that Willyam Spencer shall be dismyssed, &c.] A. 47 b.

*Mrs. Lytle's place in goinge.*

Item, at the same Counceyll yt is ordeyned, &c., that Mrs. Broke *alias* Lytle, &c., shalle have her place nexte to there wyfs as have ben Mayers of this Cytie, &c., notw$^{th}$standynge her maryage w$^{th}$ Mr. Broke. A. 47 b.

1562, Sept. 28. *When the Eleccion of the Mayor shalbe, and howe.*

Item, at the same Counsell it is agreed, &c., that the ordre for the chosynge of the Mayre of this Citie shalbe every yere in the morning before the elexcion, &c., and that they which be of the xxxvij$^{th}$ shall goe about orderly as followeth, that is to say thre tymes round about one aftre another for the Mayre, and that name that shall have the most voyces upon the fyrst goyng aboute shalbe one of the three, and he that shall have the most voyces upon the second tyme to be second person, and he that shall have the most voyces upon the thurd goyng aboute shalbe the thurd person, and the lyke order to be observed, goyng iiij tymes about, bothe for the Bayliffs and Chamberlynes of this Citie. A. 47.

1561-2. *Hanasters admitted in the time of John Wayte, Mayor; John Comber and William Pickover, Chamberlains; from Mich. 3 Eliz. [ending Michaelmas, 1562].*

Thomas Androwes, late app. of Robert Holbecke, shoemaker.
Randal Potter, late app. of John Hartley.
William Jones, carpenter.
Henry Tow, glasier.
Robert Nycolas.
Maurice Jones.
John Towlton.
Christopher Markham.
William Stevyns, mason.
Robert Strownge, app. of John Webb, bocher.
Philip Hewett, husbondman.
Edward Ilbery, joyner.
James Rudd, app. of Robert Forest, sadler.
William Holbeck, cordoner.
Christopher Noke, fre mason, app. of Richard Parks, mason.
William Poley, app. of John Cumber, taillour.
John Greneway.
John White, carpenter.
John Forest, bruer.
John Rankyn, fletcher.

William Rawbon, app. of Richard Flaxney.
Barnard Arshdale.
William Ward, inholder.
Laurence Lifolly.
Cornelius Sotforde, bruer.
Richard Haynes, myller.
Thomas Kyrby.
John Heydon, Town Clerk of the City.

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1561-2. *The Accounts of John Comber and Willyam Pickover, late Chamberlains; Mich.*, 1561, *to Mich.*, 1562.

Inprimis, for a brekefaste at Mr. Furses wch was geven to Mr. Carleton, Mr. Longworth, and Mr. Billinge, then Comyssioners of the Quenes Maiesties londs wth[in] the Citie of Oxford . . . . . xs

Item, payd for a pottell of wyne geven to Mr. Bacon, my Lord Chauncellers brother . . . . . viijd

Item, bestowed upon a pursivaunt wch brought a letter from the Quene and her Counsell for bryngyng up scollers of Lincolne Colledg . . . . . xxd

Item, payd for a brekefast geven to the President of Magdalene Colledg, and to Mr. Westfayllyng, and other, when they gave possession of Saynt Mary Colledge to the Towne for ye use of pore people . . . . . vjs viijd

Item, payde for two gallons of wyne geven to the President of Magdalene Colledge, ye same day yt he did procede doctor ijs viijd

Item, payed to Dorden the trumpeter, when he came home wth Mr. Mayre . . . . . iijs iiijd

Item, payd to Willyam Ashley for two payre of gloves geven to Mr. Selystre, when he sate upon the ffryers in the Guyld hall . . . . . xs

Item, payd to Willyam Ashley for two payre of gloves geven to my Lord of Bedford and to my ladie for a new yeres gift xs

Item, to Willyam Ashley for a payre of gloves to my Lord Saunders . . . . . ijs

Item, payed to a pursivaunt that brought the proclamacion for money, the Monday aftre Passion Sonday . . iijs iiijd

Item, payed to a pursuivaunt that brought the proclamacion for apparrell . . . . . iijs iiijd

Item, payd to Ashley for iij payre of gloves, wch Mr. Flaxney

carried to my Lord of Huntyngton when he dyd pay for the writyngs of S^t^. Mary Colledg . . . vj^s^

Item, geven to my [Lord] of Warwykes players, when they playd in the Guyld hall the eight day of June . . vj^s^ viij^d^

Item, spent upon them the same tyme . . . xvj^d^

Item, payd to my Lord Roberts players . . . vj^s^ viij^d^

Item, payd to Gybbons for iij payre of gloves, geven to M^r^. Shreve and his two sonnes the same tyme that he and M^r^. Vines did examyn the scolers . . . iiij^s^ vj^d^

Item, payde at M^r^. Alderman Willyams for the charges of M^r^. Vines and M^r^. Shreve, when they sate in comyssion for the scollers of White Hall . . . iiij^li^ ix^s^ ix^d^

Item, payd at M^r^. Alderman Willyams for a breckfast geven to M^r^. Norres of Wytham, M^r^. Mayre beyng w^th^ hym . iiij^s^ ij^d^

Item, payd to M^r^. Garbrand for M^r^. Shreves chardges, when he sate w^th^ M^r^. Vines for the scollers of White Hall . vj^s^ viij^d^

Item, payd a pursivaunte that brought a commyssion to M^r^. Mayre concerning grete horse and other armoure, according to the statute . . . . . ij^s^

Item, spent upon hym the same tyme at Mystres Lambes . xij^d^

Item, to Master Garbrand a brekefast geven to S^r^ Frauncis Stoner, M^r^. Vines, M^r^. Owen, M^r^. Mayre and Aldermen beyng w^th^ them . . . . . iiij^s^ ij^d^

Item, paide to M^r^. Jones for mendynge of his mace . . iij^s^ iiij^d^

Item, payd to Wilson the mynstrell for playeng and singyng at dyner on thelleccion day . . . . xiiij^d^

*Audit Book*, 32 b.

1562, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Ralph Flaxney.

*Bailiffs*, { John Ropp, Edward Broke.

*Chamberlains*, { John Barkesdale, Richard Hewet.

*Council.*
Francis Frewen.
John Tattelton.
Thomas Kyrbye.
Thomas Sparkes.

Dec. 8, *M.P.'s*, { William Page, Thomas Wood.

1563, Feb. 3, *High Steward*, { Sir Francis Knollis, Knight.

A. 96.

1562, Oct. 5. *Masters of the Mylls.*

At a Cownceyll holden before Mr. Mayer, &c., yt is orderyd that these persons hereafter named shalbe maysters of the mylls for the yere nowe nexte ensuinge.

Richard Atkyns, Alderman,
Roger Hewett,
Richard Flaxney, } for the mylls.
William Levyns,
John Lewes,

A. 48 b.

*Masters of the Fayers.*

Item, at the same Counsell these persons were elected and appoynted to be the maysters for the ffayres of this Cittie, whose names follow.

Nicholas Gybbot, } for the fayers.
John Walkelyn,

A. 48 b.

*Gybbons admytted againe in to the Counseyll.*

Item, at the same Counsell, Richard Gybbons, upon his umble submyssyon beinge sorye for his offence heretofore commytted in this howse, was this daye receyved agayne to be accouncell wth the Mayer, and was presentlye sworne to the Mayers Counseyll.

Item, this daye the hole Counseyll was sworne accordynge to the olde custome. A. 48 b.

*Sewrtis for Mr. Roop for the Dischardge of the Bayllywyck.*

Item, at the same Counseyll, John Ropp, now one of the Bayllyfs of this Citye, brought Thomas Elmes, brewer, and Richard Williams, baker, to be his sewertyes for that he wold kepe his seale styll wch he haith of this Citie, wch here openlye before the hole Counsell dyd promyse that they wold save this Cytie harmeles not onlye against the Quenes matie and hir graces heyres and successors for the fee ferme wch is dewe to hir grace, but also for anye other matter that shall touche the bayllywyck of this Citie, and further they promysed that the foresaid Rope beinge now Baylly, yf he dyd not dyschardge the baillywyck in all poynts as he ought to do, that then he shuld never clayme anye ayd or pleade the seale of this Towne agaynst this Citie, or in barre in any corte for anye thinge wch he ought or was chargyd to haue done by his office of bayllywyck. And also the foresaid Rope promysed lykwyse to lease the benefytt of the seale of

this Citie to hym heretofore graunted, yf he dyd not dyschardge the offyce of the bayllywick, and also save this Citie harmeles agaynst all person and persons for the executinge of the same offyce, as all other Bayllyffes have done before. And that yf he dyd performe althings beforesaid, that then he wold lease the benefytt and profytt of the same seale. A. 48 b.

1562, Oct. 8. *Mr. Furres admytted agayne into the Counseyll.*

At a Counceyll holden, &c., yt is ordered and agreed that Thomas Furres shalbe admytted into this Counsell agayne, and shalbe one of the Counceyll wth the Mayre that nowe is, wch was presently sworne, &c. A. 48 b.

1562, Oct. 8. *An Acte made frustrate for arrestinge a Mayor.*

Item, that an acte heretofore made in the tyme of the Mayeraltie of Mr. Wayght, that no person shuld be arrested, beinge of the xiijth, wthout lycence of this Counsell shalbe voyd and frustrate, and also to be taken owte of the boke of recorde, and that it shalbe as no lawe hereafter. A. 48 b.

1562, Oct. 15. *Concerning the Suit for Fifteenths with Magdalen College.*

The matter concernynge the xvth for Mawdelyn Colledge and the Cytie shall go forwards in thexcheker, and Mr. Edges to go to London for the same matter, and to have xs for his costs and iijs iiijd for or attorneys in thexchequer. *Council Minute*, 29 b.

1562, Nov. 16. *An Awnswer for the Chosinge of the Burges for the Parlyamt.*

Item, an aunswere to be made to my Lorde of Bedfords lettre concernynge the chosinge of one of the Burgesses of the Parliament, that this corte is contente so that my Lord wille cause the partie to come downe and take his othe as a Burges and as a freeman of this Towne, as other have done before this tyme. A. 49.

*Spencer and Almon admytted into the Counseyll ageyne.*

Item, it is orderyd that William Spencer and Thomas Almon shalbe admited into the house as a Counsellor wth the Maior agayne. A. 49.

1562, Dec. 7. *Y^e Rente of Crypley to be payed.*

At a Counsell holden this day yt is agreid that Christechurche shalbe payed for Crypley for the tythe w^ch is dewe unto them for this tyme by the Towne, and hereafter order to be taken who shall paye the tythe. A. 49.

*M^r. Page admitted into the Liberties, and sworn, &c.*

Item, William Page, gent., admitted into the liberties of the City, &c., at the request of the Lord the Earl of Bedford, and the same day was elected one of the Burgesses for Parliament. A. 49.

1562/63, Jan. 5. *Payment of Moneys expended by the Town Clerk ordered.*

Item, yt is orderyd this daye that John Heydon, nowe Towne Clerke of this Cytie, shall be payed the v^li iij^s ij^d w^ch he hathe bestowed in reparacions in the howse under the Cownceyll howse, where the Awdytors and the xiij shall alwayes sytt. *Council Minute*, 30.

*Vaughan admytted into the Counseyll agayne.*

At a Counceyll holden this daye, yt is agreed that Moryce Vaughan shalbe admitted of the Maiers Counceyll, upon his submission for his offence concernynge the matter for Comber, and so was sworne. A. 49.

1562/63, Jan. 8. *Suit with Magdalen College to go forward.*

The matter for the xv^th fo^r Maudelyn Colledge to go forwardes as the lawe wyll this nexte terme, and that M^r. Wood shall have a letter w^th hym for the followinge of the same to M^r. Greke; also the Towne Clerke to go lykewyse upp for the matter, and for thnrollynge of the matter bytwene M^r. Owen and this Towne, and to have money w^th hym for the same and for his chardges.

*Council Minute*, 30 b.

1562/63, Feb. 4. *Mr. Owens Dead to be exemplyfied.*

At a Counceyll ordryd, yt is agreed that the Towne Clark shall cause M^r. Owens deade to be exemplifyed under seale, and also the matter for Mawdeleyne Colledge to go forwards as the lawe will, and to reteyne counseyll therfore. A. 49.

1563, April 20. *The Town Clerk to go to London on the Cities affairs.*

Item, at the Counseyll yt is orderyd and agreed that the Towne Clerk shall presently go to London for all o^r^ sewtes, as well of Mawdelyn Colledge as of the two tenements in the parishe of S^t^. Peter in theste, and other necessarye sewtes, &c., and to have money of the Cyties.

*A Way in Portmeadow to be paid for by the Town.*

Item, M^r^. Mayer to travell to M^r^. Owen aboute the makinge of y^e^ way at Portemeade; and M^r^. Tayllor, M^r^. Elmes, M^r^. Ric. Williams, Richard Flaxney, and Richard Edges, to goo and see the way made there, and the money for the same to be of the Townes cofers.

*Certain Rents reserved for the Poor.*

Item, that the howse of the pore shall have owte of the coffers so moche money as the rente of the newe Bocher Rowe, and also the rente of Crypley, and the rent of the water bytweene the Castell mylls and the newe brydge shall yerelye amounte unto, from the feaste of the Annunciation B.V.M. now laste paste before the date hereof, untyll suche tyme as the Cytie shall provyde otherwyse for the same. *Council Minute*, 31.

1563, June 30. *Thomas Flaxney to be admytted by a Gylded Penye.*

Item, this daye Thomas Flaxney, sonne to Raffe Flaxney, Maior, in consideracion of one gyldded penye delivered to Richard Williams, Key Keper, shall have his fredome accordinge to the lawe of this Cytye, so that he take his othe when he comythe to his full age.

A. 49.

1563, July 6. *An Ordre for the Trynitie Men.*

Item, yt is ordayned that the fower Trynytie men w^ch^ nowe be appoynted beadells of the beggers, everye one of theym shall take a warde everye Frydaye to geather the devocion of the howeses in everye warde, and to have bagdes of tynne w^th^ a red ox, and the same bagges to be made forthew^th^; and also not to begge, bott daylye the streats to walke, to loke what other beggers or vakabondes do come into the Cytye, and then to geve knowlege to the constables in everye warde, whiche constable shall bringe the same beggers or vakabonds to everye Alderman of the same warde, and everye quart^r^ two of them to goo together to gette the quartridge that was wonte to be geven to them in the wardes, and so to devide ther selves for gatheringe therof. A. 49.

*Bills brought in.*

Item, the billes for everye parishe w^th^in this Cytye, accordinge to the statute for the poore, was braught in. A. 49 b.

1562-3. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Ralph Flaxney, Mayor; John Barkesdale and Richard Hewett, Chamberlains.* 4 *Eliz.* [*ending Michaelmas*, 1563].

John[54] Comberwayte.
William Stringer, at the request of Mr. Fetyplace.
William Page, gent., at the request of the Earl of Bedford.
James Wynckeley.
Cuthbert Atkynson, app. of John Harteley.
Thomas Cossom, app. of William Alder.
James Toldervey, app. of Agnes Holbeck, widow.
Francis, son of William Frewen.
Anthony Marshall, app. of Ralph Flaxney.

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1562-3. *Accounts of John Barksdall and Ric' Hewett, Chamberlains of the Cytye; from Mich.*, 1562, *to Mich.*, 1563.

Item, paid for a rewarde to y^e^ Quenes berward upon Sainte Tedwardh daye . . . . . v^s^
Item, paid for x dosen of bred geven to poore people they same daie that M^r^. Mayore and the hole Commyns was at Seinte Martyns Church to geve thanks to Almightie God for the recoveringe of the Quenes ma^ties^ healthe . . x^s^
Item, payed for ale the same tyme for the pore . . iiij^s^ vj^d^
Item, payed to the clark of St. Martens . . . ij^s^
Item, payed for brynging the ale to Carfox . . . ij^d^
Item, payed for a reward to the Quenes gester the Thursday before St. Androwes day . . . . . ij^s^
Item, to a pursyvante for the proclamacions for gevynge upp Newe haven . . . . . iij^s^ iiij^d^
Item, payed for ij sygnetts w^ch^ were putto the water for store iiij^s^
Item, for markynge theym . . . . . ij^d^
Item, payed for another signett . . . . iij^s^ iiij^d^
Item, payed for a grounde byrd . . . . xij^d^
Item, for uppyng and markynge the old swannes . . vij^d^
Item, spent uppon the swanyers . . . . ij^s^
Item, for my self and my horse for goinge iij dayes w^th^ the swanyers . . . . . vj^s^
Item, for pavyng the brydge of Sherelake in grampole . iij^s^ iiij^d^

[54] Thomas, in the Council book. A. 49.

1563, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Roger Tayllor.

*Bailiffs*, { William Hortopp, Thomas Ryppyngalle. | *Chamberlains*, { Francis Frewen, William Hewster.

A. 97 b.

15$\frac{64}{65}$, March 24, Mr. Fryer and Mr. Walkeylyn again admitted to the xv.

1563, Oct. 4. *Election of Mayor, Bailiffs, and Chamberlains.*

At a Counceyll holden before Maister Mayer, his brethren the Aldermen, the Bayllyffs, Chambleyns, and Commen Counceyll, yt is agreed that the actes concernyng the chosyng of the Mayor, Bayllyffs, and Chamberlyns made in the tyme of the Mayraltye of Mr. Wayght A° iiij° Elizabeth Reine, shalbe frustrate and voyde for that the Bayllyffs coulde not sytt amongest theym when the elecyon is to be made, being contrarye to the charters grantyd to the Cytye of Oxford. And therfore the olde accustomed order shalbe kepte as heretofore hathe ben used. A. 101.

*The Chamberlains elected after the old Custom.*

Item, in the yelde hall, accordynge to the olde order, Fraunces Frewen and William Hewster, were chosen Chamberleyns, wch payde xls a peace to the Key Kepers, accordyng to the olde custome, and also Mr. Frewen payed iijs iiijd more for his constableship, and so they were sworne, &c. A. 101.

1563, Oct. 7. *Comming to the Counsell uppon warning.*

Item, at this Conseyll it is further ordered, &c., that everye person from hensforthe havynge hymselfe or his house warneyd to come to the Mayors Conseyll shall forfytt iiijd for everye defaute to the poormens box, excepte he be able to make a reasonable excuse, or ells have leave of Mr. Mayor, and to be payned at his nexte commynge to the Conseyll wthout redempcion. A. 101.

1563, Dec. 16. *Payments to be made by the Mayor and Bailiffs.*

At this Conseyll it is ordeyned and agreed that everye Mayor from hensefourth shall geve to his hed seriante for his lyverye liijs iiijd, to his nexte offycer xxvjs viijd; and everye Bayllyff to give to his serjante xxvjs viijd for theire leverye. A. 101.

1563, Dec. 16. *Toll and Bailiffs Dyner.*

At this Counseyll upon greate consideracions here moved by the right worshipfull Mr. Mayor to his bretherne the Aldermen, and to all the Bayllyffs, Chamberleyns, and Commen Counseyll beyng burgesses of the Citie of Oxford, wch have not only well wayed, consydered, and advysedly forseane the greate discommodytie besyds the taulke and rumor that hathe gone ageynst the Cyttezens of Oxon for the toll that hathe ben taken and geathered by the Bayllyffs of this Cytie for the tyme being of all manner of dryfte of cattall, and of all manner of packe and packs, and other ladynge, but also to thentente the greate chardges of a banckett wch was wont to be kepte at the eleccion of the Bayllyffs shall now be layde asyde, and no more used, but a small drynckynge in thexcheker at their chardge, gevyng as yt wyll please theym to bestowe wth their whyte ashen cuppes, yt is nowe orderyd, enacted, agreyd, and fully assented unto by the Mayor, Aldermen, Bayllyffs, Chamberleyns, and Commen Counseyll, being burgesses of this worshipfull Cytie of Oxon, as a lawe to endewer for ever as ffollowyth.

*Markett for Cattle.*

Inprimis, yt is agreyd that everye Satterdaye in the yere from the ffeaste of the byrthe of or Lord God nowe nexte commynge, there shalbe a commen markett for horses, geldyngs, mares, colts, oxen, kyne, shepe, lambes, and for all other kynde of cattell whatsoever, the same alwayes to begynne after nyne of the clock stryken in the forenone of the same daye (toll free), for all manner of person and persons to come and go wth their cattall, excepte there be sale made of anye of the same wthin this Cytie. A. 101 b.

15$\frac{63}{64}$, Jan. 23. *Concerning the High Steward's Successor.*

At this Counsayll yt ys agreed that if my Lord of Bedford do geve upp the stewardship of this Cytie, then Sr Fraunces Knolles, Knyght, to have the same. *Council Minute*, p. 35.

15$\frac{63}{64}$, Feb. 3. *Election of High Steward.*

Sir Francis Knollis, Knyght, was chosen stuarde of this Cytie of Oxford this the third day of February, 1563. A. 96 b.

15$\frac{63}{64}$, March 2. *Expenses aboute the Business of the Cittye.*

At this Counsell it is ordered and agreed that no cytyzen of this Cytye beyng an Alderman, a Bayllyffe, a Chamberlyn, or of the

Commen Counsell, shall from henseforthe aske or requyer anye some or somes of money for rydyng or goynge aboute anye of the townes busynes, but onely for his ordynarye chardges. A. 103.

1563/64, March 24. *Mr. Fryer and Mr. Walkelyn admitted.*

At this Counsell yt ys ordered and agreed that Mr. Fryer and Mr. Walkeylyn shalbe admytted ageyn to make the nomber of xvth, and so restored fullye to theire places agayn as they were before amongth the other. A. 103.

1563/64, March 24. *Sydelings inclosed.*

Item, at a Counsell holden this daie yt ys agreed that Sydelyng shalbe taken into the most profytt of this Cytye, and to be rentyd and letten also, and that ther was xliiij persons agreed and syxt persons did not agree, and that the persons wch were the doers of Portmede, havinge Ric. Gybbons and Sylvester Kytchyn to make reporte to this howse, who will geve most therefore, untyll the Frydaye in the Ester weke. A. 103.

*Waters to be Let.*

Item, the same persons to have to do to certyfye for lettyng the waters, wch is agreed to be taken in to the most advantage. A. 103.

1564, July 11. *Payments to the Poore by the Mair and Aldermen.*

At this Counseyll yt ys orderyd that Mr. Mayore for the tyme beyng shall paye weckelye to the mentenaunce of the poore howse, vjd; the Aldermen, iiijd; the Bayllyfs, iijd; the Chamberlyns, ijd; and the Commen Counseyll, jd; this order to contynew untyll further order be taken. A. 103.

1564, Sept. 4. *Ordinance concerning the Election of the Mayor.*

Att a Counseyll here holden this daye upon this questyon put owte by Mr. Mayor, to knowe whether that anye person which hathe ben, is, or hereafter shalbe Mayor of this Cytie of Oxon, shuld be Mayor agayn untyll syxe yeres be fullye paste from the laste yere of his mayoraltye, yt was fullye agreed by the same Counseyll, and fully assented unto, that no person wch hathe, is, or that hereafter shalbe Mayor of this Cytie, shall at anye [time] hereafter after that he hathe ben Mayor of this Cytie, untyll syxe yeres be fully paste and ended from the expyracion of the same yere that he hathe ben

and executed the same offyce of mayeraltie, be elygyble, or put into the eleccion agayne, or be chosen Mayor durynge the same syxe yeres as aforeseid. *Council Minute*, p. 40.

1563-4. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Roger Taylor, Mayor; Francis Frewen and William Hewster, Chamberlains.* 5 *Eliz.* [*ending Michaelmas*, 1564].

Alexander Grenehyll.
Thomas Bryan.
Thomas Dey.
James Robinson.
James Almond.
John Bartelet.
Hugh Chrystyan.
John Gateleyf, senr.
John Gatelyf, junr.
Thomas Waring, app. of Richard Whyttington.
James, natural son of William Thomas, *alias* Plomer.
George Hyllyard, late app. of Thomas Cogan.
George, son of Christopher Monday.
John Boulton, late app. of Henry Boulton.

p. 244.

1564, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayors*, William Mathew[55].—1564/65, March, Richard Williams[56].

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Penny, John Phillips[57].

*Chamberlains*, { Thomas Wylde, George Mondey.

*Council.*
William Furnes.
Richard Broune Roberts.
William Asheley.
Richard Ladyman.

A. 98 b.

1565, April 3. *Order for Porte Meade taken.*

Hyt is agreed by ye Commen Counseale, ye daye and yere above wrytten, yt Rycharde Edges, Robert Lynke, Nycolas Gybberds, and Rycharde Gybbons, shall take ordre for ye markynge of ye beasts wche shall goo and pasture in Porte Meade, and also as touchynge for ye hearde man, one Wyllm Deacon, and to talke and take order wth Bynsey and Wulvercott for ye noumber of suche beasts as yei shall put there in. A. 50.

[55] Willielmus Mathew electus est in officium maiorat' pro hoc anno sequente exercend' et infra annum moriens Ricardus Williams suo loco in offic' predict' electus est pro illo anno plenarie exercend'.

In the registers of All Saints' parish is the following entry: "Mr. Guliel. Mathew tunc temporis civitatis hujus major sepultus erat 27 Febr. 1565."

[56] In the room of William Mathew, who died during his year of office.

[57] In All Saints' register: "Mr. Joh. Philipps hujus civ. quondam Ball. 15 April, 1583, sepultus."

1565, April 3. *John Spensers Leasse.*

[John Spenser, taylor, shall have a lease of a howse and a garden grounde, wth one covenaunt amonge all other, yt he shall not alienate wtoute ye consent of ye Mayor and ye resydewe of ye same Corporacion.] A. 50.

*Mr. Richard Williams Leasse.*

Further yt is agreed by ye same Counseall yt Mr. Rycharde Wylliams, Mayor, shall have a lease of ye orcharde wthin ye almose howse for xxj yeres, payinge therefore verely xxvjs viijd, or els ye keepynge of a cowe, to goo and have pasture in ye same orcharde, at ye eleccion of ye Mayor and ye Commens of ye same Cytye. A. 50.

*Allowaunce of an Accompt to Mr. Richard Williams.*

It ys agreed yt Mr. Rycharde Wylliams, Mayor, shall have allowaunce upon his accompte made before ye auditours, for all suche charges as he was at in London at ye tyme of ye takynge of his othe. A. 50.

1565, April 27. *The Rate of the Cattall whiche shalbe put into Porte meade.*

At this Counseale yt is decreed yt ye Mayor for ye tyme beinge shall have viij beasts in the commen of Port Meade, and every Alderman vj, every Baylye iiij, every Chamberlayne iij, every Commoner one; and yf yt happen yt ye Mayor hath none of his owne, than maye he lett oute his sayed commen for iiij beasts unto any other, every Alderman for iij, every Baylyfe for ij, every Chamberleyne and Commoner for one; and further also, yt ye beasts of ye freemen of this Cytie shalbe marked wth these lettres, O and X; this ordre to stande condycyonally yf Bynsey and Wulvercott maye be brought to some reasonable order by ye consent of this howse.

A. 103 b.

*An Admission into the Liberties.*

At this Counseale Thomas Kyte was admytted into ye lyberties of this Cytye as a freeman, payinge therefore xls.

1565, May 3. Edward Spyke and George Ladyman admitted.

A. 103 b.

1565, June 15. *Leases granted.*

[Thomas Penye to have Sydelyngs yn leace wyth the tythe for xxj yeres, paying iiij$^{li}$ per ann.

M$^{r}$. Alderman Flaxney to have a new leace of his howse yn the Saynt Myhells lane and hys garden yn Bocardo lane for xxj yeres, brynging yn first his olde leace.] A. 15.

1565, June 26. *Lease to Thomas Ryley.*

At a Cownsell holden the 26 off June, the yere above wrytyn, yt ys agreyd that Thomas Ryley shall have the Armytage uppon the sowthe brydge for xxj yeres by leace, yeldyng and paying yerely for the same Armytage x$^{s}$, and his leace to begyn at Myselmas nexte comyng. A. 15.

1565, Aug. 2. *The Seale of the Towne to be put to y$^{e}$ Lease of Hugh Pryse.*

By this Counseale yt is agreed w$^{th}$ one hoole assent and consent, y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ common seale of y$^{e}$ Towne shalbe annexed unto a certiene indenture made betwyne one Hugh Pryse, Clarke, Doctor of y$^{e}$ Lawe, and treasorer of y$^{e}$ cathedral church of S$^{t}$. David in y$^{e}$ countie of Pembroke; S$^{r}$ Roger Vaughan, of Talgarthe, in y$^{e}$ countie of Brecknoke, knyght; Edwarde Games, of Newton, in y$^{e}$ sayed countie of Brecknocke, esquyre; Andrewe Wynter, of y$^{e}$ towne of Brecknocke, in y$^{e}$ sayed countie, esquyre, on y$^{e}$ one parte; and y$^{e}$ Mayor, Aldermen, Bailliffs, and Burgesses of y$^{e}$ Cytie of Oxforthe, for and concernynge certeine covenants towchinge the payment of thre and thirtie shyllings and foure pence, for y$^{e}$ exhibycion of one scolar. A. 104.

1565, Aug. 9. *The Rate of every man toward y$^{e}$ mayntenance of poore Almoose Childreine.*

It ys agreed w$^{th}$one assent and consent at this Counseale y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ Maior for y$^{e}$ tyme beinge shall paye wykeleye towarde y$^{e}$ relyfe of y$^{e}$ almose house of y$^{e}$ poore chyldreine iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ a quarter; the Aldermen eche of them and y$^{e}$ eighte lyke wyse eche of them iij$^{s}$ a quarter; y$^{e}$ Bayles eche of them ij$^{s}$ a quarter; y$^{e}$ Chamberlanes xvj$^{d}$ a quart$^{r}$ eche of them; y$^{e}$ Commen Counseale eche of them xij$^{d}$ a quarter, this ordinaunce to be at Mydsomer laste paste nexte before y$^{e}$ date hereof, and soo to continewe untyll Mydsomer nexte, y$^{t}$ is for one hoole yere. A. 104.

1565, Aug. 9. *John Dobson, Keeper of Bocardo.*

[John Dobson to succeed to the keepership of Buckardo, as his father had.] A. 104.

*Fishinge.*

No man to drawe y^e^ comen waters betwyne this and Michelmas, upon payne of imprisonm^t^ by M^r^. Mayor. A. 104.

1565, Aug. 9. *M^r^. Doctor White Lease.*

M^r^. Doctor Whyte to have y^e^ tower upon y^e^ southe bridge with these covenants; fyrste, y^t^ no tenant shall dwell therein, but to be used onely for y^e^ use of y^e^ Archdeacon courte, y^t^ y^e^ Maior and Baylliffs shall have fre passage to and fro y^t^ same waye as y^e^ were wounte to have, to have fre ingress and regresse into y^e^ same Tower at all tymes in tyme of ryot and daunger, for y^e^ defence of y^e^ Cytie, y^t^ he shall find reparacions from tyme to tyme, y^t^ he shall paye iiij^d^ duringe his lyfe, and after his decesse ij^s^ to have iiij^xx^ yeres and tenne. A. 104.

1565, Sept. 24. *The Bayles to make a Banquet.*

It is agreed y^t^ y^e^ Bayles for y^e^ tyme beinge shall make a banquett in y^e^ Guyldhall after y^e^ olde accustomed manner, upon Mychelmas daye in the afternone to y^e^ wurshypp of y^e^ hoole Cytie. A. 104 b.

1565, Sept. 24. *Allowaunce towarde the Chardges of M^r^. Mayor.*

It ys agreed y^t^ y^e^ Mayor for y^e^ tyme beinge shall have allowed to hym at y^e^ tyme y^t^ he rydethe to London to take his othe fyve poundes, and afterwarde duringe the tyme of his Meraltie for y^e^ whole yere for his kychn eight poundes, y^t^ is to saye quarterlye xl^s^. A. 104 b.

[1565.] *The Oath y^t^ y^e^ Mayer of Oxford taketh yerely in y^e^ Queenes Ma^ties^ Exchecker.*

IN MAGNO LIBRO TESTAMENTUM.

You shall swere y^t^ you shall serve well and trewlye our Soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God Quene of Ingland, Fraunce, and Ireland, Defendor of the Faythe, &c., in y^e^ office of Mayraltie in y^e^ Cytie of Oxford. And y^e^ same Cytye you shall kepe sewerlye and

safelye unto y^e use of our soveraigne ladye the Quene of Ingland, and of her heires kinges and queenes of Englande, &c. And y^e profitt of y^e Quene you shall do in all thinges y^t to you belongeth; and y^e rights of y^e Quene and that belongeth to y^e Crowne you shall trewly kepe: you shall not assent unto decrees nor make concelement of y^e rightes nor of y^e franchises of y^e Quene; and there wheare you maye knowe y^e rightes of y^e Quene, be yt in landes, rents, franchises, or in sewtes conceyled or w^th drawen, you shall put your power to call it againe; and if you may not doe it, you shall tell yt unto y^e Quene or to those of her Councell of whom you shall understande and be certayne y^t they shall enforme y^e Quene theireof. And ye shall truely and righteously intreate y^e people of your Baylywyke; and right ye shall doe to every person as well to y^e stranger as to y^e pryvye, to y^e pore as to y^e riche, in y^t longeth to you for to doe; and for highnes nor for riches, for gifts, promise, favour, or hate, you shall no wronge doe to any person, nor to no man you shall y^e right lett; you shall not take by y^e which y^e Quene may leese, or by y^e which y^e right may be letted, but you shall doe full and due execucion uppon the falts that shalbe founde before you accordinge to all y^e statutes thereof made and not repealed, and y^t in all thinges y^t to y^e Mayor of y^e sayd Cittie belongeth to doe well and truely you shall behave you and doe, so God you helpe, &c.

*Lib. Alb.*, p. 226.

1564-5. *The Accounts of Thomas Wyld and George Mondaye, late Chamberlayns; from Mich.*, 1564, *to Mich.*, 1565.

Inprimis paid to William Asheley for two payre of gloves for Syr Frauncis Knowles . . . . . viij^s

Item, p^d to a pursyvante that brought a proclamacion for wyne iij^s iiij^d

Item, paid to the Quenes bereward and drynckynge w^th him vij^s ij^d

Item, paid for a proclamacion whiche was for the musteringe of great horses[58] . . . . . iij^s iiij^d

Item, paid to William Asheley for two payre of gloves for Sir Frauncis Knowlles and hys wyff, and a payer for my Lord President . . . . . xxiiij^s

Item, paid to M^r. Spencer for a gallon of grisgen wyne and sucke for my Lorde Presydent of Walles . . . xx^d

Item, paid that tyme to M^r. Bennett for a gallon of wyne for my Lord Presydent . . . . . xvj^d

[58] The proclamation "for the having, keping, and maynteynyng of horses and geldinges, hable for demelaunces and lyght horsemen, with the furniture of harnesse, weapons, and other things thereto requisite," was dated 14 July, 1565.

Item, paid to Mr. Spencer for a gallon of wyne for the commyssioners of great horsses . . . . . xvjd
Item, paid to William Asheley for two payre of gloves for Mr. Recorder and his man . . . . iiijs viijd
Item, paid to Mr. Heydon and Mr. Pynchen, Town Clarckes, for a hole yeres fee . . . . . liijs iiijd

*Charges for Swannes.*

Imprimis, spente in fyve dayes serchinge for swannes . vjs vjd
Item, paid for two half swannes . . . . ijs ijd
Item, paid for two busshols of otes . . . . xxd
Item, paid for a bushell and a half of barley . . xvjd

1564-5. *The Accounts of Rycharde Whyttington, Mr. Rychard Williams, James Dodwell, John Tattleton, and Thomas Sparckes, keyekepers,* 1564—1565.

Item, paid to Mr. Alderman Williams and to Mr. Taylor for the renewynge of or chartors . . . xxli xxjd
Item, paid to Master Mayor rydinge to London to take his othe . . . . . ixli vijs iiijd
Item, paid to Mr. Attkynson for stayynge the choraunto . xxs
Item, paid to Mr. Taylor, rydinge to Wynsor for the townes affayres . . . . . xxs
Item, paid to the Almes house accordinge to an act for the bochers shambles, and the rent of the two criples xijli ixs

1565, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Thomas Williams.

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| *Bailiffs*, | John Barkesdayle, John Forrest. | *Council.* Richard Ladyman. |
| *Chamberlains*, | William Furnes, Edward Wilston, | Thomas Smythe. William Holbecke. |

1566, Sept. 13. *Recorder*, Master Robert Atkynson. 8 Elizth, June 28th, Mr. Levans chosen to be one of the 13.

In tempore hujus majoratus
natus est Edwardus fortunatus.

1565, Dec. 1. *Allowance to Mr. Mayor and Baylyffs.*

Yt ys agreed that the Mayor shall have for his travayll to London and for his charges for the townes bussynes, because ye justices dyd not certyfy up the penalties of statutes xxs. A. 106 b.

Also yt ys agreed that the Baylyffs shall have for theyr charges up to London xx$^{s}$, equally to be devided, that ys to saye to eche of them x$^{s}$ for the lycke matter. A. 106 b.

1566, June 28. *M$^{r}$. Levans.*

At this Cownsell M$^{r}$. Levans ys chosen to be one of the nomber of the xiij$^{th}$. A. 108.

*M$^{r}$. Mayor and the rest of the thirtene w$^{th}$ the Baliffs to taxe all men for the Hospitall.*

Also yt ys agreed the same daye that Master Mayor and the reste of the xiij$^{teene}$ w$^{th}$ the Bayliffs for the yere, shall taxe all men accordinge to theire discrescions, for maynetenance of the hospitall for one hole yere endyng at mydsomer next comynge. A. 108.

1566, June 28. *Provision for the Quenes Maiesties commynge.*

*For oxen*, M$^{r}$. Taylor and Master Hortoppe.
*For ale*, M$^{r}$. Roger Hwet and M$^{r}$. Tatersall.
*For swanes*, M$^{r}$. Williams and M$^{r}$. Edges.
*For picks*, Denys Hixx and Robert Mounson. A. 108.

1566, Aug. 31. *The Queens entertainment at Oxford*, 1566.

These things being done, she and her nobility, with the Chancellor, Doctors, Masters, and Beadles before her, rid towards Oxford; and being within half a mile of it, the Mayor, named Thomas Williams, with the Aldermen, and certain Burgesses to the number of thirteen, received her majesty. He then, in the first place, delivered up his mace to her, which she forthwith returned again; then he spoke an English oration, and presented in the name of the whole City a cup of silver, double-gilt, worth £10, and in it about £40 in old gold. This gift was the first in money that ever, as I can yet learn, was presented to a prince; for at the coming of any one to the University before this time, the custom was, that the Citizens should give them five oxen, as many sheep, veales, lambs, and sugar-loaves, but this *numerus quinarius* was now altered by Sir Francis Knollys, the City Steward, and converted into money, which yet continueth.

The Maior and Brethren of the Town of Oxford the last of August, 1566, given to her Majestie at her entring into the said Town . . . . . 30$^{li}$ 0$^{s}$ 0$^{d}$

*Nichols' Progresses*, i. 208, 266.

1566, Sept. 11. *An Acte for Fyshinge in common Waters.*

Hit is a agreed by this Cownsaill that no fysherman nor no other parson shall drawe in no commen water w$^{th}$in this libertie before the feaste of All Saynts yerely, except he or they be able to prove juste and reasonable cawses before the Mayor and this worshipfull companye for that same, upon paine doynge the contrarye to this acte for everye tyme to forfeyte x$^{s}$, one moytie to the partie that shall fyrste fynde forthe the same so done contrary to this present act, and thother moytie to the use of this howse. A. 108.

1565-6. *Hanasters admitted (taken from the Council Book).*

William Adames, curryer.
. . . . Angell.
Thomas Gowre.
Rychard Freman, bocher.
John Hopkins, of Cycester, baker.
Thomas Atwood.
Hillarie Barthram.
Robert Dissell.
Nycholas Hopkins.
Rychard Tayler, *alias* Cackebred.
Clement, son of David Jenkins.
Gregory, son of Edmund Ball.
Reginald Reddynge.
John Wodson.

A. 107 b.

1565-6. *The Accounts of Wylliam Furnes and Edward Wylson, late Chamberlains; from Mich.,* 1565, *to Mich.,* 1566.

Inprimis, paid to Wyllyam Asheley for a payre of gloves w$^{ch}$ M$^{r}$. Taylor had to London at the begininge of the terme to geve to M$^{r}$. Bacon, that he shulde speake to my Lord Keper to be good for the purchasinge of a newe comyssyon of the peace . . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, paid to the pursuivant to brynge diverse proclamacions about the Frenche golde . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, paid to the Quenes berward . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, paid for bredd and wyne for his breckfast . . ij$^{s}$
Item, a pottle of muskadyn geven to my Lorde of Warryke xvj$^{d}$
Item, for a pottell of sake and a gallon of claret at the same tyme . . . . . ij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for a payre of gloves for my Lord the same tyme also . . . . . iiij$^{s}$
Item, paide to the pursyvaunt that brought the proclamacion as concerninge apparell and other things . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Wyne geven to my Lord of Leycester and to my Lord of Warrycke.

Inprimis, a potle of muskadyne . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, a pottle of sacke . . . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, a gallon of claret wyne . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, paid to Wylliam Asheley for two payre of gloves geven to my Lord at the same time . . . . xiiij$^{s}$
Item, paid to the Quenes players . . . . x$^{s}$
Item, for wyne for the Quenes Haroldes . . . xxij$^{d}$
Item, paid for the uppinge of the swannes . . . vij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, paid to S$^{r}$ Frauncis Knoles, o$^{r}$ Steward . v$^{li}$

*Audit Book*, p. 51.

1565-6. *The Accounts of M$^{r}$. Rychard Wylliams, M$^{r}$. Roger Taylor, James Dodwell, Thomas Kyrbie, and Rychard Browne Roberts, Key Kepers*, 1566.

Item, paid to M$^{r}$. Wilson, Chamberlayn, for expenses of ij of the Quenes servaunts . . . . . xxij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Item, delyvered to M$^{r}$. Williams the xij$^{th}$ of June to delyver to M$^{r}$. Taylo$^{r}$, to by v oxen to present the Quenes grace xxx$^{li}$
Item, to Redshawe for thexpences of M$^{r}$. Mayor and M$^{r}$. Taylo$^{r}$ rydinge to the Cowrte . . . . . xviij$^{s}$
Item, paid to Redshawe to ryde to M$^{r}$. Recorder agaynst the Quenes cominge . . . . . v$^{s}$
Item, paid the x$^{th}$ of August to the Quenes harrodes xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, paid to M$^{r}$. Mayo$^{r}$ for the Quenes offycers . . xlj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

*Audit Book*, p. 54.

1566, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Whittington.

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| *Bailiffs*, | William Hewster, William Pyckeover. | *Common Council.* Barnard Archdale. Ric. Browne. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Thomas Kirbie, Thomas Smythe. | |

1566, Oct. 10. *Takinge of Tolle to be disscussed.*

At this present Cownsaill it was agreed that M$^{r}$. Thomas Williams, Alderman, John Wayte, Roger Taylor, and Nicholas Todd, shall discusse and ende the matter and controversy of gatheringe of tolle. A. 109 b.

1566, Nov. 22. *Petition from the Bailiffs to the Archbishop of Canterbury, for payment of their Charges for the Keep and Costs of the Martyrs, Cranmer and Latimer.*

To the right reverend father in God the Lorde Archebisshope of Canterbury, his grace, and other the lordes spirituall.

In moste humble wise sueth unto your lordshipps your orators, Thomas Wincle and John Wells, late Bayliffes of the Citie of Oxford. That where as in the seconde and thirde yeres of our late souveraigne lorde and ladie Kinge Phillip and Quene Marie, Thomas Cranmer, late Archebisshopp of Canterbury, and Hughe Lattimer, late Bishopp of Worcester, by order then taken by the Councell, were comytted unto the custodie and kepinge of your orators, and so contynued certaine tyme, for whose dett your orators disbursed and leyde out of theire owne proper goodes the some of iij$^{xx}$iij$^{li}$ x$^{s}$ j$^{d}$, whereof was paide to them of the same xx$^{li}$, as by a booke of perticulers thereof mede more playnlie appeareth. It maye therefore pleese youre Grace and the residue of my good lordes, of your accustomed clemencie and goodnes, to stande so good and gracious unto your orators as to be meane amonge yourselves that your poore orators maye be releved with that some of xliij$^{li}$ x$^{s}$ j$^{d}$, to them due, or some parte thereof, as unto your discrete wisdomes shall seme convenient; otherwise your orators, theire wives and poore children, are utterlie caste awaie and undon for ever. And thus for the love of God and your orators, theire wives and poore children shalbe debte bounden daylie to praie to God for the prosperous preservacion of your moste honorable estates longe to contynewe.

Endorsed—

To y$^{e}$ right Reverend Fath$^{r}$ in God my
verie good lord y$^{e}$ Bisshop of Cant.
and Metropolitane of England.
At Lambeth.
Seal—man's head.

1566, Nov. 22. *Letter from James Humfrey in support of the above Petition.*

JESUS.

My humble commendations p$^{r}$supposed in the Lorde. To be a suto$^{r}$ in an othe$^{r}$ man's cause, it semethe boldnes, and in a matte$^{r}$ of monie to write to yo$^{r}$ Grace, is more than saucines. Yet charite, *operiens multitudine peccatorum*, doth move me, and will persuade

y^ou^ to heare him. A dett is dew unto him for the table of Mr. D. Cranmer, by the Q. M^ties^ apoyntment, and Mr. Secretarie in Oxforde wished him, at y^t^ time of busines in progresse, to make some motion to the bisshoppe for some reliefe. The case is miserable, the det is juste, his charge in the sute have been gret, his honestie, I assure yo^r^ Grace, deserves a pitiful consideration. And for y^t^ my L. of Sare' writeth to me, as here in Oxford he promised, y^t^ his parte shall not be behinde, what orde^r^ so ever it please my Lords to take for the dispatche of y^t^ sume. I request yo^r^ Grace, as successour to y^t^ Right Reverend Father, and chiefe patrone of suche poore sutoures, to make by yo^r^ good means some collection for him amonge the rest of my lorde the bisshope, y^t^ his good wil shewed to that worthie martyr, maie of y^ou^ be considered, and so he bounde to y^or^ goodnes of his parte altogether undeserved. Thus recommending the common cause of Reformation to you, and my selfe and this poor man to your good remembrance, I leave to trouble yo^u^, requesting you ones againe to heare him and tender his cause, even by charitie for God his sake, to whose protection I commend yo^r^ Grace.

Y^or^ Graces humble Orate^r^,
JAMES HUMFREY.

*From Oxon, November* 22, *a*° 1566.

*MS. in C.C.C. Lib., Camb.*

The following paper pasted on leaf 371 of the MS. :—

Thomas Winckle and John Wells, of Oxforde, confesse y^e^ receipte of xx^li^ by y^e^ meane of S^r^ William Petre, in y^e^ 2 and 3 yere of Phillipp and Marye, as a dutie for y^e^ keepinge of my l. . . . . Cranmer and M^r^. Latimer.

Farder, the said parties saye that there is xliij^li^ x^s^ as yet to be p^d^, whereof they praye aide.

There was one William Pantry, of Oxford, that received at M^r^. Stanelies hande the some of xl^li^ for my l. Cranmer and others in the like case.

Thus declared to Thomas Doyly, Esquier, ande to Math' Croch, by the said parties.

1566, Nov. 28. *The Key Kepers to pay viii^li^.*

At this present Cownsell it is agreed that viij^li^ w^ch^ was borowed owt of Dame Margaret Northeren abowt viij yeres agoe, showld be repayed by the Key Kepers for this present yere, videlicet, by M^r^. Roger Taylor, M^r^. Rychard Williams, James Dodwell, Rychard Browne Roberts, and William Asheley. A. 109 b.

1567, Sept. 16. *A Lease graunted to the President and Schollors of Corpus Christi College, of the Lane behinde Universytie College.*

It is enacted at this Counsaill that the President and Schollers of Corpus Christi College shall have the lane behind Universitie College for xxj yeres, to begyn at Mychaelmas next, painge yerely iiij$^{s}$ at the leaste, all mens backsides reserved unto them, and makinge at eche ende a wall w$^{t}$ two greate gates. A. 110 b.

1567, Sept. 25. *For placinge the eight Assistaunts and their Wives.*

It is agread at this Counsell that theight Assistaunts and theire wives shalbe placed in goinge and sittinge ymediatlie after the Aldermen, and theire wives in their senioritie, and the Bailliffes for the yere ymidiatlie after them, and so the reaste after them in theire senioritie. A. 110 b.

1566-7. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Whittington, Mayor; Thomas Kirbie and Thomas Smyth, Chamberlains.* 8 *Eliz.* [*ending Michaelmas,* 9 *Eliz.*]

Robert Bennet.
John Phillipps.
William Naden, taylor.
James, son of Roger Twayts.
William Longe, weaver.
John Stevens, mason.
John, son of Robert Dyssell, weaver.
Edmund, son of Robert Barton, of Heydington.
Francis, son of Richard Jennyns, of Wotton, co. Warwick, myller.
Richard Baine.
William Owen, carier.
Henry, son of James Dodwell.
Richard, son of John Whomewood, of Dudley, co. Worcester.
William Nightingall.
John Wynsemore.
William, second son of William Herste, taylor.
Edward Roberson, barbetonsor.
Richard Woodcocke.
Robert, son of George Grene, of Wotton, co. Warwick.
Peter, son of John Mylson, of Camden, co. Gloucester, mercer.

p. 239 b.

1566-7. *The Accounts of Thomas Kirbie and Thomas Smythe, late Chamberlains;* 9 *Eliz.* [*ending Michaelmas,* 1567].

Item, for two shellinges paid to the Quenes gester . . ij$^{s}$
Item, for two paiers of gloves geven to my lorde admyrall and his wief . . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, for a paier of gloves geven to my Ladie Norreys . iiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

*For the uppinge and feadinge of Swannes.*

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|---|---|
| Inprimis, for wyne geven to the swannyar at Robert Joyners | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a dynner made for the swannyars . . . | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the swannyars fee . . . . . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a penye paid to Swithyne Brodewater for rowinge the bote . . . . . | j$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a partinge swanne . . . . . | ij$^{s}$ |
| Item, for two swannes . . . . . | xvij$^{s}$ |
| Item, for two grounde birdes to the swannyars . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the tythe of the swannes to Christechurch . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the tythe of the swannes to Sandford . . | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a bushell of otes to fead the swannes . . | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for barley to fead the swannes . . . . | ij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$ |
| Sm'a xxix$^{s}$. | |
| Item, to Master Pynchen, Towne Clarke, for his fee . | liij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |

*Audit Book*, 58 b.

1566-7. *The Accounts of Master Roger Taillor, Master Richarde Williams, James Dodwell, Rychard Broune Robertes, and William Aisheleye, Key Kepers; ending Mich.*, 1567.

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| Item, delivered more to Master Mayor about the Townes affayres in purchasinge a mortmayne . . | xvj$^{li}$ |
| Item, for the cariage of that money to London . . | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, paid to Master Alderman Williams for a boke for the Towne . . . . . | iiij$^{s}$ |
| Item, paid for the writinge of the maner of the receaveinge of the Quenes grace in to the Cytie into the same book . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a peece of plate . . . . | vj$^{li}$ |

*Audit Book*, 61 b.

1567, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Richard Atkynson.

*Bailiffs*, { William Spenser, Richard Hwet. | *Chamberlains*, { Thomas Giles, John Hill.

*Town Clerk*, John Pinchon.

1568, April 1. OXFORD. *Moneye gathered for the Lottarye, primo Apprilis anno domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo octavo.*

| *The northeaste warde.* | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Raffe Flaxney, Alderman . | x$^{s}$ | | William Levens . . | x$^{s}$ |
| John Walklen . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ | Andrewe Burnet . . | x$^{s}$ |
| | | | William Spenser . . | v$^{s}$ |

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|---|---|---|
| Thomas Reylye | v$^{s}$ | |
| John Phillippes | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richard Edges | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Gyles | v$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Wilde | v$^{s}$ | |
| Richard Coxe | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Barnarde Arsdall | v$^{s}$ | |
| Robert Allen | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richard Gibbons | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Tatelton | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richard Browne | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Almon | iij$^{s}$ | |
| James Almon | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Massie | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Persse Underhill | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richard Hall | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Westeborne | | xv$^{d}$ |
| James Stavesacre | | xv$^{d}$ |
| James Willis | | xv$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Winkell | | xv$^{d}$ |
| Richard Tailor | | xv$^{d}$ |
| Robert Androwes | | xv$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Pare | | xv$^{d}$ |
| William Pooley | | xv$^{d}$ |
| John Mumforde | | xij$^{d}$ |
| John Tompson | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Cuthbarde Atkenson | | xij$^{d}$ |
| John Bolton | | xij$^{d}$ |
| | 5$^{li}$ 2$^{s}$ | |

*The sowtheaste warde.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas Williams, Alderman | x$^{s}$ | |
| John Waite | x$^{s}$ | |
| Nicholas Tood | v$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Elmes | x$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Fursse | x$^{s}$ | |
| John Lewsse | x$^{s}$ | |
| Richard Hanson | v$^{s}$ | |
| Garbrand Harkes | v$^{s}$ | |
| John Harteley | v$^{s}$ | |
| William Hewster | v$^{s}$ | |
| John Forest | v$^{s}$ | |
| Richard Browne Roberts | v$^{s}$ | |
| Nicholas Gibbard | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Joans | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| George Mondaie | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| William Fernshedd | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Robert Jackson | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| William Howghe | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Rixon | | xij$^{d}$ |
| William Warde | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Morishe Vahan | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Robert Benet | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Symondes of Bladen | x$^{s}$ | |
| Baptiste Golde de Browghton | x$^{s}$ | |
| | 6$^{li}$ 7$^{s}$ | |

*The sowthe weaste warde.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Richard Whittington, Alderman | x$^{s}$ | |
| Richard Williams | x$^{s}$ | |
| John Barton | x$^{s}$ | |
| William Tovye | x$^{s}$ | |
| John Barksdall | v$^{s}$ | |
| Andrewe Carpenter | x$^{s}$ | |
| William Furnes | v$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Smythe | xx$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Atwood | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Comber | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Renolde Redynge | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| James Robenson | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Steven Lane | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richard Iverye | | xij$^{d}$ |
| William Noble | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Edmonde Benett | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richarde Roone | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richarde Rowlande | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| James Hewet | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Lawrence Lifollie | | xij$^{d}$ |
| | 5$^{li}$ 4$^{s}$ | |

*The northe weaste warde.*

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|---|---|---|
| Thomas Cogan | x$^{s}$ | |
| James Dodwell | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| William Peckover | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| William Aldworth | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Hill | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| William Aisheley | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Denys Hicks | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Bagwell | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Kyte | v$^{s}$ | |
| Richarde Ladyman | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Edwarde Ilberye | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| James Rudde | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |

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|---|---|---|
| Robert Egell . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| John Dobson . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Rowe . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Nicholas Chapman . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Warren . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| | 48$^{s}$ | |

*The Suburbes.*

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|---|---|---|
| Richard Atkenson, Mayor | x$^{s}$ | |
| Roger Tailor . . . | x$^{s}$ | |
| . . . . Huckell . . . | x$^{s}$ | |
| Roger Hwet . . . | x$^{s}$ | |
| William Hortoppe . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Atwood . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| John Woodson . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| Robert Lynke . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| Robert Mownson . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Daie . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Richard Hwet . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| Harrye Wikenson . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| Thomas Grene . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Owen Gylney . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| John Ranklyne . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| William Wylmott . . | ij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Aungell . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Budworthe . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| John Richardson . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Phillipp Hewet . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Edward Stockton . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| George Philbie . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Robert Dawson . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Whetherall . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| John Huggenson . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Henry Smythe . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Richard Smythe . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Thomas Denton . . | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Nicholas Woodson . . | v$^{s}$ | |
| Robert Wilmot . . | v$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| | 5$^{li}$ 7$^{s}$ | |

OXFORD. *The seconde gatheringe for the Lottarye made in everye parishe of dyvers parsons, aswell howsholders as servauntes, as appeareth by severall billes of partyculers in thandes of the parisheners.*

*Alhallowes.*

Receaved there . . xxv$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

*S$^{t}$. Tolles.*

Receaved there . . xx$^{s}$

*S$^{t}$. Ebbes.*

Receaved there . . v$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$

*S$^{t}$. Michaells.*

Receaved there . . v$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

*S$^{t}$. Thomas parishe.*

Receaved there . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

*S$^{t}$. Martens.*

Receaved there . . x$^{s}$

*Bensey.*

Receaved there . . iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

*Magdalen parishe.*

Receaved there . . xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

*S$^{t}$. Peters in the easte.*

Receaved there . . vij x$^{d}$

*S$^{t}$. Peters the bailly.*

Receaved there . . vij$^{s}$

*S$^{t}$. Maryes.*

Receaved there . . [*blank*]

Receaved of Master Tailor for one of his daughters . x$^{s}$

The some of this second collecion ys . . vj vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

The somme of bothe gatheringes is . . . xxx$^{li}$ xj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

Whereof laid into the lottarye in the name of Thomas Williams, Alderman, fyfteyne poundes, and his poysye is—

Oxonia petit equalia.

Also in Master Levyns name fyfteyne poundes, and his poisye ys—

Aliis dat aliis aufert fortuna.

And so there ys remayninge in Master Alderman Williams handes eleven shillings and eighte pence—

D'nis saluam faciat Reginam.

*Audit Book*, p. 30, *rev.*

1568, June 22. *For not Grinding at the Castle Mills.*

At a Counsell holden the xxij daie of June, yt ys agreed and enacted by Mastor Mayor, the Aldermen, and the hoole consent of the Counsell of this Towne, that yt shalbe lawfull for the Bailliffes of the yere for the tyme beinge, from tyme to tyme to areste, sease on upon and take as forfett all suche meale as shalbe grownd any where owt of this Cytie, other then at the Castell milles, to any freemen baker, of this Towne; and the same meale so taken to kepe and enioye, the one halfe to the commodytie and profit of this Towne, and the other halfe to their own proper use and commodytie for ther paynes taken in this behalfe. And the Towne to beare all suche charge as shall arise and growe unto the said Bailliffes for doinge the same, and the Towne to save the said Baillies harmeles in every poynte towchinge the same. A. 112 b.

x^li^ *to M^r^. Maior towards the charg of his Dinner.*

At the said Counsell holden the said two and twentie daie of June, anno Elizabethe regine nunc, decimo, anno vero domini 1568, Master Mayor and his bretherne, and other of the thirteyne, seinge what inordynat and excessyve charge this wholl Towne yerely sustaynethe in keping of a dynner at the tyme of thelleccion and choseinge of Master Mayor, and howe that the whole rent of assise and other revenewes received yearlye by the Chamberlaynes for the yere being, are not answerable to thexpenses therof, and other extraordinary charges to the great consumeinge of the comon treasure of this Citie, have enacted, ordeyned, and constytuted wythe thassent of this Counsell that from henseforthe Master Mayor for the tyme chosen shall kepe his ellectyon dynner yerelye w^t^in sixteyne daies after Michaelmas daie for the wurshippfull and comens of the same Cytie, and that Master Mayor so for the tyme being chosen shall have tenne poundes of currant Englishe money allowed him for the same dynner, whiche shalbe paid and delyvered unto him by the Chamberlaynes of the same Cytie then for the tyme beinge ymmedyately after his comyssyon be read, whiche

he shall bringe when frome London owt of thescheker to be admytted Mayor for the yere folowinge. A. 113.

1567-8. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Atkynson, Mayor; William Spenser and Richard Hwet, Bailiffs; Thomas Gyles and John Hill, Chamberlains; from Mich.* 1567 *to Mich.* 1568.

William Tilliard.
John Blythe.
John, son of John Smithe, chaundeler.
Robert Dawson.
Rolande Davys, tailer.
Miles Tompson, tailor.
Richard Smithe.
George, son of Alexander Allen of Duclington, barber.
Roger, son of William Joyner, paynter.
Richard Allen, tailor.
Robert Gosson, tailor.
John, son of Ralph Dewbery of Princes Risborough.
Thomas Myssen.
Roger Siddenham, tailor.

p. 249 b.

1567-8. *The Accounts of Thomas Giles and John Hill, Chamberlains; ending Michaelmas,* 1568.

Item, paid to William Asheley the xvij of Februarye for ij payer of gloves geven to S^r^ Fraunces Knolles sonne and heire vj^s^ viij^d^
Item, paid to the quenes ma^ties^ bereward that brought the whit bere . . . . . iij^s^ iiij^d^
Item, paid for capons, sugur, and wyne to Master Spenser, that was geven to the Duke of Norfolcke . . iij^li^ iiij^s^
Item, paid for iiij paier of gloves, geven at the same tyme . vj^s^ viij^d^
Item, paid for ij paier of gloves geven to S^r^ Henry Sidenham the second of Auguste . . . . . xiij^s^ iiij^d^
Item, paid for wyne geven to him at the same tyme . iiij^s^ viij^d^
Item, paid to the quenes players . . . . x^s^
Item, paid to the quenes mai^ties^ (?) . . . . xx^s^
Item, paid for dressinge the swanes nest in Christechurch walke . . . . . iij^d^
Item, paid for three swannes . . . . . xij^s^

*Audit Book*, p. 66.

1567-8. *The Accounts of Richard Williams, Nicholas Tood, John Harteley, Rich^d^ Brounerobertes, and William Aisheley, Key-Keepers; ending Michaelmas,* 1568.

Item, to M^r^. Waite for millstanes . . . xv^li^
Item, to Master Waite for bringinge the mill stones whome iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^

1568, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Tilcoke.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Thomas Smythe, George Mondey. | *Common Council.* James Almote. Reginald Redinge. Stephen Ewen. Thomas Kyet. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Richard Ladyman, Richard Broune. | |
| 1569, June 1, Roger Hewett one of the 13. | | 1569, July 20, *Town Clerk*, William Raveninge[59]. |

A. 114.

1568, Nov. 22. *To what Persons voyces shalbe geven to be Burges of the Parlyament.*

Item, yt is enacted that no freman of this towne shall geve his or their voice to any persone to be Burges of the Parlyment hereafter, except the same persone hathe byn dwelling w^th^in the said Citie by the space of iij yeres next before, and by no lesse tyme free of this Cytie, and not under the degre of a Bally, upon payne to forfeyt xl^s^ in doing the contrarye. A. 115 b.

*Grinding at the Castell Milles. Bakers. Brewers. Loodehorse or horses. Forfeytt.*

Item, be it enacted that no baker, be he white baker or browne baker, w^th^in the Cytie of Oxford and the suburbes of the same, do frome and after Frydaie nexte grynd at any other mill or milles then the Castell milles; ne any brewer w^th^in the said Cytie and liberties of the same do frome and after the said daie grinde their wheate malte in or at any other mill or milles then at the said Castell milles; nether any looder carye or recarye w^th^ their loode horse or horses w^th^in the said Cytie frome and after the daie aforesaid, any maner of corne, grayne, or meale, to or frome any other mill or milles then to and frome the said Castell milles, upon payne that every of the said bakers and brewers so offending contrary to the teno^r^ hereof shall forfaite their griste and wheate malte so grounde, wythe the sackes, at any other mill or milles save at the said Castell milles; and upon payne that all suche corne, grayne, or meale, wyth the sackes, as hereafter shalbe caryed or receavyed contrary to the teno^r^ hereof, shalbe forfaite, thone halfe of w^ch^ forfaitures to be to the use of the bodye of the said Citie, and thother too him that shall sease and take the same firste. A. 116.

[59] In the place of John Pynchon.

*The Towne to swe forth the Commission of Gaill Delyvery.*

Item, where as heretofore the Ballies of this Cytie of Oxford yerely for the tyme being, have hadd and receaved xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ of the receytes of Frisewise fayre in aid of the fee ferme of the said Cytie, and alwaies heretofore it hathe ben used that the comissyon of gaill delyvery for the said Cytie shulde be swed forthe at the charge of the Ballies for the tyme being of the said Cytie, when and as often as neid so requyred; nowe therefore it is fully agreed and enacted at this present Counsell assembled, that frome henseforthe the comission of gaile delyverey be swed furthe as ofte as cause shalbe, at the coste of the body of this Cytie, and that in consideration thereof the said xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ be no longer paiable to the Ballies of the said Cytie for the tyme beinge, but that alwaies hereafter the same xxvj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ be to the use of the bodye of the Cytie aforesaid. A. 116.

1568, Dec. 29. *For Grinding from the Castell Mylls.*

Inprimis, it is enacted and ordeyned by the wholl assent of the Mayo$^{r}$, Aldermen, and the reste in this Counsell assembled, that no parson or parsons, being fre of the guilde of this Cytie, shall frome and after this present Counsell, w$^{th}$ their loode horse or horses, or w$^{th}$ other their beaste or beastes, or by any other wayes or meanes whatsoever, carye or recarye, by them selves, their deputies, or assignes, at any tyme or tymes, any corne or meale, ground or to be grynded, to or frome any other mill or mylles then to and frome the Castell mylles in Oxford, upon payne that every of them w$^{ch}$ shall offende or do to the contrary shall forfait and lose tenne poundes of currant Englishe money. And that every of the said parson or parsons so offending or doyng contrary to the meaneing of this acte, shall ymedyately upon demaunde thereof made to him or them, paye the said somme of tenne poundes, or else shalbe ymprysoned, there to remayne untill it be paid or satisfied. A. 116 b.

*Bakers pasturing Sydelings.*

Item, by the same aucthoritie yt ys ordeyned and fully agreed and graunted, bothe to the white and browne bakers being free of this Cytie, that they shall have frome henseforth the pastureing or fedinge of the ground called Sydelings, *alias* Venytts, for their lood horses to their owne use, enclosing the same; provided alwayes that yf there be any dysorder or varyaunce among the said bakers contrary

to the meaneing of this acte, that the same be hearde and redressed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and the reste of the Cownsell of this Cytie then for the tyme beinge. A. 116 b.

1569, April 29. *Portemeade: Rate and Stynte of Cattell. Graunte of Commen to be made to Fremen. Engrosers of Commen.*

At this Counsell it is agreed that Mr. Mayor, yerely for the tyme beinge, maye have viij beastes yerely going in Portmead; every Alderman vj; every one else that hathe ben Mayor v; every Ballieff iiij; every Chamberlayne iij; every of the Commen Counsell ij; and every of the Comynaltie one. And if the Mayor so for the tyme being have none, that then he maye sett and lett his common to any freman of this Citie for iiij beasts; every Alderman for iij; every Ballief for ij; every Chamberlayne, every one of the Comen Counsell, and every one of the Comynaltye for one. And that no freman gett into his handes above too mens commens.—[*Erased.*] A. 117 b.

*Overseers. Stynt to be kept for Cattell in Portmead. Srchargers Cattell to be impounded. Fee for a wholl distres. Damages to the Overseers.*

Also it is enacted at this Counsell that the Baillies for the yere, being Richard Flexney, Thomas Winkell, Richard Edges, William Spenser, Richard Hanson, and Thomas Giles, shall yerely oversee that every man shall kepe his stynt of beastes in Port meade according to the said acte at this Counsell made, and to impounde aswell every of their catell put in above their rate, as the catell of all straungers coming or put therein to feed or pasture, and shall also take iiijd for every mans catell so impounded, according to the statute, and shall have also the damages and costes of swte recovered in any accion of repleven of the said distresse or distresses, or beastes or cattells ympounded.—[*Erased.*] A. 117 b.

1569, May 3. *John Lewis swte released: Castell Milles.*

At a Counsell holden the said third daye of Maye, it was agrede that Mr. Lewis dureing his lief shall have lycense to grinde frome the Castell milles, otherwise called the Quenes milles, under the castell of Oxon, xxiiijti quarters weekely, according to a paper booke thereof drawen. A. 117 b.

1569, May 16. *Portmeade Pounde.*

At a Counseale holden ye sayed xvjth daye of Maye, it was agreed yt ye viijli wche Mr. Robert Lynke hathe in his custodie shoulde be

delyvered unto y^e^ Keykepers, and then y^ei^ to delyver yt unto y^e^ overseyrs of Portmeade towarde y^e^ charges of y^e^ makinge of a newe pound there. A. 118.

1569, June 21. *Roger Hewet one of Thirteene.*

At a Counsell houlden the sayde xxj daye of June, Roger Hewet was admitted and mad one of the thirtenne. A. 118.

1569, July 15. *Lease to Richard Hanson.*

[Lease of the chappell hardeby Smythe yeate to Rycharde Hanson for 21 years, payinge yerely vj^s^ viij^d^, and to build a roofe upon it.] A. 118.

1569, July 28. *Eleccion of the Towne Cleark.*

At a Cownsell holden the day and yeare above wryten, William Raveninge was admytted freman of the Citie and Towne Clarke hear, and hath taken the severall othes due unto the same in this Cownsell. A. 119.

1569, Sept. 3. *An Order concerninge the Election of the Maior.*

Hit ys ordered, concluded, enacted, and agreed at this Counsell as well by M^r^. Maiore as by the whole Counsell nowe assembled, that the acte made and agreed upon at a Counsell holden the seventh daye of September, in the fourthe yeare of the Quenes ma^tie^ that nowe ys, forbyddyng that noe man shold be elected to the offyce of Meroltye of this Citie w^th^in six yeares next after he hath beene Maiore of the same, that the same acte from hensforth be repeled and voyed. And that all such acts and ordenances as were made and agreed upon by the Counsell of this Citie at a Counsell holden the xix^th^ daye of September, in the seconde and third yeares of o^r^ late souveraignes, lorde and ladie, Kyng Phillipp and Quene Mary, concernynge the election of the Maiore of this same Citie, remayne and be from hensforthe in his force and be observid and kept according to the tenor therof. A. 119 b.

1569, Sept. 14. *At the Eleccion of the Maior.*

At this Counsell it ys agreed that the viij assotiats do cum to the eleccion of the Mayor yearly in skarlett gownes, and so many of them as have borne the offyce of Maiors to weare typpetts according to the auncyent custome, and all the said assistents to syt upon the benche w^th^e the Mayor and Aldermen the tyme of the eleccion. A. 119 b.

*For Fishers and Fyshynge.*

It ys further ordered y^t the ffysshers do not drawe, dryve, nor turne any of the common waters of this Towne, nor laye any flewe or other nett in any of the same waters befoare Saynt Lukes daye yerelye, and longer afterwards yf the Mayo^r of this Citie shall thinke good, upon payne of losse of all such netts and gynes and fyshe to this Citie and three days imprisonment, and further continuance of the same imprisonment at the discression and order of the Maior; provided alwayes that it shall and maye be lawfull to the Maior of this Citie to lycens any to ffyshe for the provicion of this Towne at his discression, at all suche tymes as it shall please him. A. 119 b

1568-9. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Tilcoke, Mayor; Richard Ladyman and Richard Broune, Chamberlains. From Michelmas* 10 *Elizabeth, to the same Feast,* 1569.

Thomas Heartely.
Henry Hyll.
Richard Potter.
Nicholas Sickes.
William, son of John Bagwell, brewer.
Richard Hore, mercer.
John Williams, sonne of Mr. Thomas Williams, Alderman of Oxon, was sworne and admitted into the fredom of this Cytie of Oxon by reason of a gilte peny, heretofore accordinge to the custome of the said Citie tendered by Mr. Alderman his said father.
William Bonar, *alias* Pytts.
William, second son of John Barton, bocher.
Rowland Thorneborough.
Alexander, son of James Clarcke.
Marke Wyckes, late apprentice of John Hartelye, fuller.
Thomas Grene.
William Wyldebludd.

p. 251 b.

1568-9. *The Accounts of Richard Lad[y]man and Richard Browne, late Chamberlaynes. Ending Michaelmas,* 1569.

Inprimis, payed to the pursyvaunt w^ch brought the proclamacion for prolongyng of the lottery[59a] untyll the tenth day of Januarye . . . . . iij^s iiij^d

[59a] The following proclamations were issued to ensure the success of this, the first lottery in England:—

A very rich lotterie generall, without any blanckes, contayning a great number of good prices, as wel of redy money as of plate and certain sorts of marchaundizes, having ben valued and priced by the commaundment of the Quenes most excellent Majestie, by men expert and skilfull: and the same lotterie is erected by hir Majesties order, to the intent that suche commoditie as may chaunce to arise thereof after the charges borne may be converted towardes the reparation of the havens, and strength of the realme, and towardes such other publique good workes. The number of lots shall be foure hundreth thousand, and no moe: and every lot shall be of the summe of tenne shillings sterling onely, and no more.

The shewe of the prices and rewardes above mencioned shal be set up to be seene in Cheapesyde in London, at the signe of the Quenes Maiesties Armes, in the house

Item, the pursyvant w^oh brought the writt of proclamacion howe out Landishmen shold be used . . . . iij^s iiij^d
Item, payed to the Quenes bearward y^e vj^th of Marche . vj^s viij^d
Item, spent upon hym the same tyme . . . xij^d
Item, payed to the Quenes pursevant the same day for brynging of a proclamacion for seditious boke sent from beyonde y^e seas . . . . . iij^s iiij^d
Item, payed for matts to laye under M^r. Mayor and his breterns feete at Saynt Maryes church at the sermond tyme . xviij^d
Item, for dryng (? dyning) w^th M^r. Recorder the same daye that M^r. Mayer toke his othe at St. Mary churche . . xvj^d
Item, payed to Wylliam Asley for v payer of gloves, viz. iij payer for S^r Fraunces Knolles, and two payer for the Quenes soliceter, delivered to M^r. Mayer . . . xxx^s

*For uppyng of Swanes and feadinge of them.*

Inprimis, payed to M^r. Hyll for feading of swans . . vj^s iij^d
Item, the fyrst nyght to supper that they came . . ij^s
Item, the next daye at dyner . . . . . ij^s
Item, payed for two signetts . . . . . vij^d
Item, payed for two growne burds . . . . xij^d
Item, for a nother signet . . . . . vj^d
Item, a partyng signet . . . . . xiiij^d
Item, for pynying of them and markyng of them . . viij^d
Item, a pottell of wyne geven to the swanherds . . viij^d
Item, payed for iij bushells of barley, xij of otes . . vj^s

Sm^a xxvij^s iij^d.

M^d y^t they have put fyve swannes upon the water to be storer for the Cytye.

1569, Sept. 15. *Lease to John Wesborne and Wife.*

[John Wesborne and Jone his wife to have a lease of the house in S^t. Peters in the Bayly for 21 years, doing all manner of reparacions.] A. 120.

of M. Dericke, goldsmith, servant to the Queenes most excellent Majestie.

By a proclamation dated Jan. 3, 1567, the above lottery was prolonged for 3 months from Dec. 24, 1567; and by another dated July 13, 1568, the day of reading the same was appointed the third day of November following.

The proclamation mentioned in the accounts was dated Nov. 2, tenth of her reign, finally fixing the close and reading of the lottery on Jan. 10, 15$\frac{68}{69}$; and on Jan. 11 a proclamation was issued that only one twelfth part was collected, and that the prizes would be rateably divided in that proportion.

1569, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Roger Taylor, gent.

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| *Bailiffs*, | William Furness, Richard Hanson. | *Common Council.* Richard Rone. William Warde. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Barnard Archdale, Richard Gybbons. | |

15$\frac{69}{70}$, Mar. 8. *Mayor's Sergeant*, William Spencer [60].

A. 120 b.

1569, Oct. 11. *Mercers and Taylores Corporacion.*

It was agreed at this presente Counsell, by all the Counsell then assembled, that thoccupacion of mersers and haberdashers shall have a corporacion, and also that the taylors and woollen drapers w$^{th}$in y$^{is}$ Citye shall have a corporacion. A. 121 b.

1569, Nov. 25. *Abyngdon.*

M$^{d}$ that at this Counsell was left in the kepyng of M$^{r}$. Mayors chyst, w$^{ch}$ lyeth w$^{th}$in the kepynge of the fyve Key Kepers chest, on blacke boxe, sealed, in the w$^{ch}$ boxe ther ys one lease made by the Maior, Baylyffs, and Burgesses of the borrowgh of Abyngdon, of on ferm called Fytts Harrys unto Edmund Benet and John Tysdale, w$^{ch}$ lease, w$^{th}$ a byll of one Edmund Benet and Richard Benott for the name of John Tysdale, is made w$^{th}$ thre hands and seales unto the said byll, to shew for what use and order y$^{e}$ said lease ys left in the custody and kepyng of the chestes of the Mayor and fyve Key Kepars, and delivered at this present Counsell. A. 122.

1570, July 12. *Admission of William Owen gratis.*

It ys agreed at this Counsell that William Owen, gent., shalbe hensforth fre of the Gyld of this Cytty frely, w$^{th}$out paying anything therfor but the officers feas w$^{ch}$ he hath paid, and is sworne.

A. 124.

1570, Sept. 19. *An Acte for usinge theyr talke w$^{th}$ good order w$^{th}$in the Counsell Howse.*

Hit ys also inacted and agreed at this said Counsell that every man w$^{th}$in the Counsell howse, at any Counsell ther assembled, the Mayor, Aldermen, Justices, and such as have bene Maioars only excepted, spekeyng w$^{th}$in the same Counsell howse, shall stand upp bare headed or uncovered, in decent order tellyng his tale; and who soever tellyth any tale or begynnyth any talke then and ther not standing bareheadded or uncovered, excepte those before excepted, shall pay for every tyme so doyng iiij$^{d}$, to be payed forthw$^{th}$,

[60] In the room of Jones, deceased.

or yf he or they refuse the paym$^{t}$ therof, shalbe imprysoned untyll he hath payed the same. And also he that interuptith any one tellyng his tale and spekyng, he that so interuptith hym shall forfett iiij$^{d}$ in lyke maner, or if he refuse it, to be imprisoned untyll he have paid the same, except the Maior for the tyme beyng, who may speake unto hym as he shall thinck convenient; but yf more then one stand up at one tyme to speke, yt shalbe judged by the howse who or w$^{ch}$ of them shall fyrst tell his tale. A. 124 b.

1569-70. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Roger Taylor, Mayor; Barnard Archdale and Richard Gibbons, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1569, *to the same feast,* 1570.

Andrew Stocks.
Simon Holdeppe.
Thomas Stakes, late app. of Andrew Burnett, baker.
Thomas Bats.
Rycharde Harper.
Gylbert Spenser.
William Perce, late app. of John Wayte, haberdasher.
Thomas Johnson, late app. of William Forest, baker.
Alexander, son of Thomas Williams, Alderman, for a gilt penny according to custom.
Thomas Teslor.
Roger Baker, glover.
Thomas Freman.
John Warrener.
John Bonner.
William Ball.
Richard Spencer.
William Tytmouse.
William Whyprotte.

p. 254 b.

1569-70. *The Accounts of Barnard Archdale and Richard Gibbons, late Chamberlains; ending Michaelmas,* 1570.

Item, to the pursevant y$^{t}$ browhte the proclamacion againste the Earles of Westmoreland and Norththomberland . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, a proclamacion agaynst bylles, bookes, and wryting . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, to the Quenes players the 7$^{th}$ of December, 1569 . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, paid to M$^{r}$. Jones for wyne geven to S$^{r}$ Richard Femys the 18 of Marche . . . . . ij$^{s}$
Item, to the Earle of Leycesters players, the 4 of Maye . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, to a pursevant the 12 of July, 1570, bringing a proclamacion against seditius boks and bylles . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for amending of the cage . . . . xvj$^{d}$

1569-70. *Payment to the Key Kepers.*

Item, they are chardged with the receyt of iij$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ receved from S$^{r}$ Richard Fenis, Knyght, of the money sent for the furnishing of the sowdiers.

1570, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Nicholas Todde.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Edward Bennet, Thomas Wyld. | *Common Council.* John Massye. Thomas Gower. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Richard Rone, Edward Godstowe. | |

A. 125 b.

1570/71, Jan. 12. *James Robyns appointed Deputy Town Clerk.*

[James Robyns, servant to William Ravenyng, gentleman, Towne Clarke of this Cyttie, admitted into the Counsell howse to serve as depute unto his said Mr in his absence, and the said James hath taken his oth.] A. 126 b.

1570/71, Jan. 15. *Orders for the Corporacions of Taylors and Drapers.*

Hit was agreed by this Counsell that upon all controversyes happeninge in or abowte the occupacions or corporacion of taylors and drapers, eyther betwene the Cyttie and them or emongest themselves, wherupon complaynt that shalbe made to the Maior or his successors of the said Cyttie, that then they shalbe wholly therin at the order and ponishmt of the Maior and his successors for the tyme being, and that the Towne Clarke for the tyme being to kepe theyer courtes and he to have a reasonable yearely fee of them therefore.

*The Confirmacion of the Incorporacion aforesaid.*

And yt ys further ordered at the said Counsell that the Incorporacion aforesaid shalbe corected and amended over by Mr. Alderman Atkynson, Mr. Levens, the Mr of thoccupacion, and the Towne Clarke, and when they have fynisheid it that the Towne seale be putto the same wthout callyng this howse agayne for that purpose.

*An Incorporacion for Whitebakers.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that the whyt bakers of this Cyttie shall drawe an incorporacion for them, the same to be perused by Mr. Maior and the rest of this Counsel of this Cyttye. A. 127.

1570/71, Feb. 4. *Inrolment of the Ordinances of the Company of Brewers.*

Ordinances of the corporation of brewers of ale and beere inrolled by Nicholas Todde, Mayor, and the rest of the Councell. It consists

of a supplication of the brewers to the City for their establishment, tendered the 4th of Feb. 13 Q. Eliz., and of 17 articles.

Art. 1°. The master and wardens of this craft or mistery of brewers is to be chosen the Sunday next after the Nativitie of St. Mary the Virgin, accordinge to the grants of the progenitors of our soveraigne lady the Queene that nowe is, &c.

Art. 5°. No man must entice away one anothers customers, under the payne of xs.

Art. 6°. No brewer to serve any typler or hucster with bere or ale unless he is suer that ye sayde typler or hucster standeth clearely out of danger for ale or bere with ye person he is indetted to, or at the least hath compounded for it; nor unless the said typler have entred into recognisance for kepinge good rule in his house, &c., under payne of forfeyture of xxs for every such offence.

Art. 7°. No customer, typler, or hucster may lend, sell, breke, or cutt any brewers vessell, or put therein any other ale or beare then of ye owners of the same vessell, under the payne of 3s 4d to the fellowship of brewers.

Art. 8°. None but freemen may brewe ale or bere, under peyne of forfeyture of their drinke to the Baylives and 40s to the company.

Art. 15. Journeymen out of service or ale bearers must by 6 of the cloke in the morninge present himselfe at St. Peter's church dore in the Bayly, there to be hired, &c. A. 138—147.

From an entry on p. 10 it would appear, that from early times the company or craft of brewers was under the regulation of the University. Their number was limited by the following decree assented to by the Chancellor, Commissary, and heads of the University.

*Concerning Bruers.*

Memorand. yt ye xijth day of July in ye yeare of our Lord God 1525, ye 8 (*sic*) yere of ye reigne of Kinge Henry ye 8, it was inacted and established for evermore by the consent and assent of my Lorde Chancellor of ye University of Oxon, the Commissary, Doctors, and other the hedds and governors of ye sayd Universitie, at ye instant labour, sute, and petition of all the brewers of Oxford for that time beinge, yt where the sayd brewers, not only by ye reason of the high price of malt and other thinges, but also by ye reason of ye great number of brewers being occupied and continueinge the sayd craft be nowe decayed and in a manner undone, that fro henceforth these brewers that now be occupieinge and usinge the sayd craft continually shall and occupy the same crafte during their lives, or as long as they

shalbe contented to continue in the same craft, provided allway that when and as often as it shall happen any of the sayde brewers that now occupyinge and usinge the sayd occupacion to depart out of this world, or doe refuse and leave of y^e^ same craft of bruinge, that then no brewer to occupy y^e^ sayde occupation w^th^in y^e^ Town of Oxford or suburbes of the same be admitted, neither by y^e^ sayde Chancellor, Commissary, Doctors, and other hedds or governours of the same University, ne by y^e^ sayde brewers for y^e^ time beinge, unto y^e^ time that y^e^ sayde bruers come to the number of 16 brewers only, and then the same number of 16 so to continue for ever, and no more to be taken in. And if it shall happen any person or persons hereafter to take uppon them to brewe w^th^in y^e^ sayde Towne or suburbes over and above y^e^ sayd numbre of 16 brewers, neither be not admitted on of y^e^ same 16, that then y^e^ same person or persons so brewinge and usinge y^e^ same craft contrary to the forme of this act and statute to forfeit for every time so doeinge, uppon a sufficient proffe there uppon made, x^li^ to be applied in manner and form followinge, that is to say, to y^e^ Commissary of y^e^ sayde University for y^e^ time beinge 4^li^; to y^e^ Proctors of the same University for the time beinge 40^s^; to y^e^ common chest of the sayde University 40^s^; and to the Master, Wardens, and Fellowship of the sayde occupation for the time, other 40^s^: provided allway that if any brewer depart out of this worlde, and his wife over live him, that then she to brue if she will as longe as she is sole and widdowe, and no longer; and if any brewer have a sun hable to occupy the sayde occupation, and will occupy the same, that then he to be preferred before any other forreyner comminge into the same occupation. *Twyne*, iv. 124.

1570/71, Feb. 16. *The Brewers Corporacion confirmed and sealed.*

At this Counsell the incorporacion of the brewers was fully confyrmed and alowed by the Counsell then assembled, and sealed w^th^ the seale of the same Cyttie. A. 127 b.

1570/71, March 12. *Lease to Richard Edges.*

[M^r^. Richard Edges to have a lease of the tenements and shoppes in Austen Fryers for 21 years at 40^s^ rent per ann.] A. 128.

*Touching the Sute between the Universitie and William Barton.*

And yt ys further agred at this Counsell that William Barton shall have his chardges borne in sute nowe commensed betwene

the Unyversyte, and shall have the Towne seale for his warrante in the same. A. 128.

*Mr. Ed. Knollys free and sworne.*

And yt ys also agred at this said Counsell that Mr. Edward Knoles, Esquier, shalbe recorded as free wthin this Cyttie, who hath taken his oth and was admytted to be inrowled. A. 128.

1570/71, March 15. *Dispensacion for the Acte of Chosing of Burgesses.*

Hit ys agread at this Counsell that the acte for the election of Burgesses of Parlyament shalbe dispensed wth all for this present Parliamt to be holden the seconde of Aprill, and that the said acte shall stand styll, remayne in full force and effect notwthstanding, as yt did before the agremt of this Counsell, &c. A. 128 b.

1571, March 31. *Portmeade hayned, Sydelings hayned, Cattle diseased.*

Yt is agreed at this Counsell that Portemead and Sydlyngs shalbe hayned and left ffresshe from all manner of cattle untyll the first daye of Maye next, upon payne to forfett to the Bayliffs of this Cyttie for every tyme that horse, mare, beast, or colte ther putt in before the said time iiijd. And that yf any person shall putt into the same common any kynde of mangy cattle or horses infected wth the glaunders of the chyne, that such cattle be browght whom to the owner, and warnyng geven to the same owner that such cattle be brought no more into the common, and yf such owner will not be ruled, but do putt in suche cattle so diseased agayne, that the Bayliffs for the tyme beinge do cause suche cattle to be kylled beyng still so diseased. A. 128 b.

1571, April 25. *Thomas Cossams lease.*

Hyt ys agreed at this Counsell that Thomas Cossam of the Cyttie of Oxford, shomaker, shall have fyftie pownds for the fee symple of his nowe dwellyng house, to gether wth fyve acres of meade ground lying in Botley meade wth thaprtenances, yf Mr. Maior, the Alderman, and Seniors of the Cytie shall lyke therof, at the feast of Penticost next, the said James to make them suer estate thereof wth convenient sped as he shalbe therunto required by the said Maior, Aldermen, Bayliffes, and Comonaltie, thyer successors or assignes, or theyer lawfull deput in that behalf. And it ys further agreed at this present Counsell that the said Thomas Cossame

shall have a lease to him and his executors according [to] the forme of other leases graunted from the Towne of all the p^r^mysses, for xxj^ti^ years for the rent of the same accustomed, and under the reasonable covenaunts in other leases by the said Cytie heretofore graunted. A. 129.

1571, Aug. 14. *Noe election dinner for this yeare.*

M^d^ that M^r^. Maior, M^r^. Alderman Atkynson, and others the thirtene, w^th^ certen of the Auncient Bayliffes of the said Cytie assembled at this Counsell, have determined that at the next election of the Maior of this said Cytie ther shalbe noe dynner called the election dinner kepte, because of the infection of sicknes at this p^r^sent w^th^in the said Cytie, w^ch^ God of his mercy sease at his blessed will and pleasuer. Amen. A. 129.

*Warning geven to M^r^. Furnes to grind at the Castle Mylles.*

Also it ys agreed at this Counsell that M^r^. William Furnes having warnyng, shall not grynd any of his wheate from the Castle mylles of this Towne, and if any meale be take w^ch^ hathe bene grownd from the same mylles, that the Bayliffs of the said Cytie for the tyme being shall attach the same to the Quenes ma^ties^ use and the body of this Cytie. A. 129.

1571, Sept. 20. viij^li^ *paid by y^e^ Baylliffs for the Banket at Mich.*

Hit ys agreed at this Councell that the Bayliffs w^ch^ shalbe newe chosen shall paye to the use of this Cytie iiij^li^ of lawfull Englishe money apeece of them, and for the same they shalbe dispensed w^th^all for theyer Michaelmas drinking or bancket in the lower haull used, execepted the drincking in the chequer w^th^ the cuppes of ashe w^ch^ hathe bene of auncyent used, the same eight pownds to be paid befor the same Bayliffs shalbe sworne and fully admitted.

A. 129 b.

1571. *Ordinances of the company of Taylors.*

[Ordinances for the company of the Taylors.] A. 130—136.

1570-1. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Nicholas Todd, Mayor; Richard Rone and Edward Godstowe, Chamberlains; from the feast of Michaelmas,* 1570, *to the same feast,* 1571.

Henry Jusse.
Richard Dwyte, late app. of Christopher Garnet, bocher.
John Dewe, late app. of Mary Mathewe.
Humphrey Lycher.
John Willowby, late app. of John Aberry, clothier.
James Robyns.
Humphrey Jones.
Thomas Budworth.
Richard Androwes, whytbaker.
William Freurs, gentleman.
Richard, second son of John Smythe, tallow chandler.
Robert Cooke, late app. of Thomas Elmes, brewer.
John Munday, late app. of William Dewe, bocher.
William Williams.

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1570-1. *The Accounts of Richard Rone and Edmond Godstowe, late Chamberlens; ending Michaelmas,* 1571.

Item, to M^r^. Dennys for playing upon the organs . xij^d^
Item, paid for wyn geven unto my lord Marcus and the Earle of Warwicke . . . . . iiij^s^
Item, geven to the Quenes berward . . . vj^s^ viij^d^
Item, paid for cariag of a payer of stockes . . xvj^d^
Item, for upping of swanes . . . . viij^s^

*Audit book, p.* 91 b.

1571, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor,* Richard Williams.

*Bailiffs,* Edmund Bennett, John Hyll.
*Chamberlains,* John Massye, William Noble.
1572, April 14. *M.P.'s.* Edward Knolles, William Owen.

*Common Council.*
James Hewett.
William Joyner.
Xpofer Markham.
William Hough.
Stephen Lane.
Thomas Rowe.
Henry Wilkynson.

A. 152 b.

1571, Oct. 5. *An Acte to compell the Fremen inhabityng w^th^in the ffrancheses to gryne at the Castle Mylles.*

Memorandum, yt ys agreed and inacted at this Councell by M^r^. Maior and the whole Councell then assembled, that all fremen inhabiting w^th^in the francheses or liberties of this Cytie shall grynd all theyer corne and grayne at the mylles of this Cytie, called the Castle mylles, and for the grynding therof shall ther paye theyer towle according to the lawes of this realme. And that all bakers

lykwyse inhabityng w^th^in the ffrancheses and liberties of this said Cytie, shall kepe the auncient custome of this Cytie in paying theyer towle or towles w^th^in the said mill or mylles. And that noe freman of this Cytie, beyng baker or els, and dwelling w^th^in this Cytie francheses or liberties of the same, shall grynde from the said milles any kynd of grayne or corne w^th^out licence of the stuards of the mylles fyrst had or obteyned. And if any freeman of this Cytie, baker or els, have any mill or mylles of his or theyer owne by lease or otherwyse w^th^in the fraunchcses of this Cytie or w^th^out, yet that notw^th^-standing they and every of them shall grynde at the Castle mylles all suche corne or grayne as he or they shall sell or spend w^th^in the said Cytie liberties or ffrancheses, and shall not grynd any fremans corne at theyer owne mylles. And that yf any freeman, baker or els, dwelling w^th^in the francheses and liberties as is aforesaid, shall do contrary to this acte, or true meanyng therof, that then it shalbe lawfull for the Bayliffs of this Cytie for the tyme beyng, or theyer officers, or suche as they shall appoynt, to take all suche corne as forfett, the one halfe to the use of this Cytie, the other half to the same Bayliffes so takeing the same. And that yf it do happen for the takyng therof any controversy to ryse, that then this Cytie to defende the said Bayliffs officers, and takers of the same meale, and for doing and executyng this act by all manner of causes, chardges, and expences w^ch^ maye ther upon happen to rise or growe.

A. 153 b.

1571, Nov. 2. *Lease to William Owen.*

[William Owen [61], gentleman, to have a lease of a tenement and garden ground in the parish of St. Peter-in-the-East, south side of East gate.] A. 154.

*M^r^. Smyth to finde twoo Lode Horses.*

Item, yt is agred at the said Counsell that M^r^. Thomas Smyth, of the said Cytie of Oxford, bruer, shall fynd to this Towne two good strongne and sufficient lode horses to lode to the Castle mylles, the same horses to be reddy from tyme to tyme, and at all tyme to serve for the use of lodyng to the said mylles, as well for the necessary use of the bakers of the said Cyttie as also for other free men; the said Thomas Smyth fynding unto the said horses all necessary things, but only stable rumeth and showeing to be done at the costes of the said Cytie, for the use of w^ch^ said twoo horses the said Thomas shall

[61] Afterwards elected M.P. for the City; see April 14, 1572.

have and receave of the said Maior, Aldermen, Ballys, Burgesses, and Commonaltie, their successors or assignes, during the tyme that the said Thomas Smythe shall so fynd the said horses as is aforesaid, the summe of fower pounds of currant Englishe money, at two tymes or feasts in the yeare, viz$^{t}$, at the feasts of S$^{t}$. Phillipp and James, being the fyrst daye of Maye and All Saynts, by even portions, according to the true meanyng of this acte, &c. A. 154.

1571, Dec. 13. *The Graunt of M$^{r}$. Hilles Lease for the Water.*

Hit ys agred at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. John Hill, nowe being Bayliffe of the said Cytie, shall have a lease for twentie and one yeares of the water and fysheings from the High bridg unto the Castle mylles, and the fysheing of the locke, for fyftie shillings of yerelie rent, and he to repayer the locke as often as nead shall requier, and shall use the locke noe other wyse but as the mill m$^{rs}$ shall thincke good for the profitt of the mylles, w$^{th}$ a proviso that yf at any tyme the said lease shalbe thought prejudiciall or hurtfull to this Cytie or to the mylles, and do so determyne by this Counsell howse, that then this lease upon suche determinacion shalbe void from thensforth. Also it ys agred that the said M$^{r}$. Hill shalbe bounden in x$^{li}$ for the performance of covenants conteyned in the lease of the p$^{r}$misses, and the lease to begin at the feast of Saint Michaell next. A. 154 b.

*For the Shoppes under the Yeld Hall.*

Item, it ys agreed at this Counsell that the Chamberlens for this yeare shall have the letting of the fower shoppes under the Towne Hall for this yeare, saveing in the fayer tyme, the same to be lett to the best profett of the Towne. A. 154 b.

1571, Dec. 18. *M$^{r}$. Edges Lease graunted for Austen Fayer.*

Hyt ys agred at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Richard Edges shall have a lease of the Austen Fryers, the tenement and shoppes ther, and also the comodyties and profetts of the fayer, w$^{th}$ all and syngler thapp$^{r}$tenances to the same tenement, shoppes, buyldings, and fayer belongyng or in any wyse apperteynyng, from the ffeast of S$^{t}$. Mychell tharck' last past for and duryng the terme of twentie and one yeares, for the yearly rent of seven pounds, to be paid yearly at two usuall feasts, that ys to say, the feasts of thannuncyation of o$^{r}$ lady S$^{t}$. Mary the Virgin and Saynt Michaell tharchangell, by even porcion. And the said M$^{r}$. Edges to be bound, w$^{th}$ one shewertie w$^{th}$ hym, to kepe the

fayer yerely and orderly, and to performe suche other covenants as the Cytie standen bound to doo and performe, and according to the true intent and meanyng of this acte. A. 155.

1571/2, Feb. 14. *The Orders of the Incorporation of the Misterie of Weavers and Fullers of Oxford.*

These orders are engrossed in 3 parchement skinnes, under seale confirmed and approved by Edward Saunders, Knight, Lord Cheife Baron of the Exchequer, and William Lovelace, Esquyer, Serieante at Lawe, Justices of y^e^ assize for Oxfordshire, 27 Feb. A^o^ Eliz. 14^o^.

They have a circuit of 5 miles allotted them about Oxford and y^e^ suburbes thereof, w^th^in which bounds no man must worke in y^e^ misterie of weavers and fullers unlesse he be of their fellowship.

They are to chose 2 wardens every yere, the one a weaver, y^e^ other a fuller, uppon the feast of y^e^ exaltation of y^e^ Crosse, beinge ye 14 day of September, uppon which day they are all to goe to church togeather to heare some prayer or homilie red there to them, &c.; that beinge done, then they are to goe to y^e^ choice of their 2 wardens, and 4 bedells or warners.

Those 2 wardens are to make search at times convenient after any kind of weavers or fullers worke not well and competently done, and to see that every weaver have in his house or shop from the summe of 16 bores to the summe of 700 harneyses and slayes, 3 beares betweene every harnys; and y^t^ every fuller have eleven corse of handells and 2 payre of sheres at y^e^ least, &c., under y^e^ payne of 2^s^ 6^d^, &c. No fuller within y^e^ sayd circuite may kepe or occupy in their houses journeymen, otherwise called cardes, uppon payne of 6^s^, &c.

They may keepe their courts uppon their 4 usuall quarter dayes every yeare, 14 to be sworne of y^e^ jury to enquire if their orders be well kept.

Then followe y^e^ oathes of their officers. *Twyne*, iv. 293.

1572, April 14. *Burgesses of Parliament.*

M^d^ that at this Councell M^r^. Edward Knolles and M^r^. William Owen were elected Burgesses for the Parliament to be holden at Westminster the eight of May next ensuyng. A. 155 b.

1572, July 10. *Ridyng of the Franches.*

M^d^ that it ys agred at this Councell that the francheses of this Cytie shalbe ryd according to auncient custom the day next before

the election daye next of the newe Maior, and the dynner shalbe kepte upon the election daye, together w$^{th}$ election dynner, and every man to pay as foloweth, viz.

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| M$^{r}$. Maior . . . | ii$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$ |
| The rest of the thirtene . | ij$^{s}$ |
| Bayliffes . . . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| Chamberlens . . . | xij$^{d}$ |
| Common Councell . . . | viij$^{d}$ |
| Commons . . . . | vj$^{d}$ |

And the Maior and thirtene to appoynt what shalbe more geven by the Towne for the same election dynner, and to appoynt two gatherers in every parishe for the same money. A. 156.

1572, Aug. 22. *Agrem$^{t}$ that M$^{r}$. Maior may make one free at his pleasuer.*

M$^{d}$ that yt ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Richard Williams, nowe Mayor, shall have the preferring of one of his kynsmen, or els one . . . . Evans, w$^{ch}$ nowe ys and of long tyme have bene his servaunt at his choyse, into the fredom of this Cytie for the only fees of iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$, when and at such tyme as it shall please the said M$^{r}$. Williams, because he hath noe child to prefer for his gylt penye, accordyng to the custome of the said Cytie. A. 156 b.

1572, Sept. 9. *M$^{r}$. Smythes Lease of Richardsons house.*

Yt ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Thomas Smythe, brewer, shall have the revertion after William Richardson's lease of the tenement on Dencheworthbowe for xxj yeares, for the rent that the said Richardson nowe payeth, in consideracion of the gyfte of the tymber and of the mill horse, and the fyndyng of the same horse this yeare last past. And further agreed that yf the said Richardson w$^{th}$in the space of two yeares nowe next comyng, do agree w$^{th}$ the said M$^{r}$. Smyth for the said tymber, horse, and kepyng, that then he shall have the same lease. A. 157.

*Mercers and Wollen Drapers incorperated.*

Item, it ys agred at this Counsell that the mercers and wollen drapers shalbe incorporated to one incorporacion. A. 156 b.

1572, Sept. 12. *Vewars of the Ordenances of the Mercers and Wollen Drapers.*

Hit is agred at this Counsell that theise persons under wrytten shall have the comyssion and be comytties of the boke of ordinances

for the incorporacion of mercers and drapers, and to certifie this howse of theyer proceadings therin at the next Counsell:—

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| Mr. Todd. | Mr. Pickover. |
| Mr. Hill. | Mr. Hamson. |
| Mr. Edges. | Mr. Munday. |
| Mr. Hartley. | Mr. Almond. |
| Mr. Hortoppe. | Mr. Wylde. |

A. 157.

1572, Sept. 12. *Thomas Atwod's Submission for not grinding at the Castle Mills.*

Wheras Thomas Atwodd hath forfetted tenne pounds of currant Inglishe money to the use of this Cytie, as forfeted by a payne upon an order made at a Counsell here holden the xxixth day of December, in the eleventh yeare of the raigne of or soveraigne lady Elizabeth the Quenes Matie that nowe ys, for that he the same Thomas Atwood hath carried and recaried corne as well of his owne as of divers other persons of this Cytie by lode horse to the mill of Osney, contrary to the same order, and hath paid the said some of tenne pounds here at this Counsell, and humbly submitteth hymself to this company, promising never to offend therein agayne, and desyereth the favor of this howse; whereuppon this howse, upon the humble submission aforesaid, hath restored to hym the said tenne pounds agayne as theyer fre gifte. A. 157.

1572, Sept. 25. *Orders for Sittyng and gooyng orderly and Seneorytie.*

Yt ys ordered that yf any Bayliffe shall take upon hym to sytt or goo above any of the thirtene assosyatts at any time, he shall forfett vjs viijd: and if any Chamberlen commytt the lyke offence agaynst any of the Bayliffs, to lose iijs iiijd; yf any of the Comon Counsell make the lyke offence agaynst any Chamberlen, to forfett ijs; yf any othe comoner make the lyke offence agaynst any of the Comon Counsell, to forfett xvjd: and every one to pay it prsently to the use of this Cytie to the hands of the Bayliffs for the tyme being. And yf any person shall deny payment upon demaund of the Baylyffs then the Baylyffs to bring them to the Maior, and he to comytt them to pryson untyll it be paid, and the Bayliffs to have the third parte for the gathering. A. 157 b.

1571-2. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Williams, Mayor; John Massye and William Noble, Chamberlains. From Michaelmas,* 1571, *to the same feast,* 1572.

Henry Wilkynson.
Hugh Boydon.
George Best, late app. of Edward Wilson, bocher.
Richard, son of John Comber.
Thomas, son of Richard Hartley.
William, son of Richard Woddcocke.
John Mayo.
Ralph Tomelson, late app. of Edward Ball, glover.
John Dobson, late app. of John Jones, taylor.
Richard Lardg.
Robert Aprice, taylor.
Richard Webbe.
Leonard Fray.

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1571-2. *The Accounts of John Massye and William Noble, late Chamberlains; ending Michaelmas,* 1572.

Fyrst for making clene of the cage . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, for iron stuffe for the same made by Richard Wynckley xxij$^{d}$
Item, paid to M$^{r}$. Anne for a sermont at the triumph of the fowerteneth yeare of the Quenes ma$^{tie}$ . . . vij$^{s}$
Item, thorgan player for his paynes . . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, paid to the Quenes players . . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, geven to the Quenes trumpeters . . . x$^{s}$
Item, wyne and suger that M$^{r}$. Mayor gave them . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, two gallons of wyne geven to my Lord Keper, being at the Starre . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, paid to William Joyner for fortie bages for the poore ij$^{s}$
Item, for the charges of S$^{r}$. Fraunces Knolles comyng to this Cytie, and lynge at M$^{r}$. Fryers howse hym selfe, and his retynewe two dayes and two nyghts at the Cytyes charges the w$^{ch}$ amountethe in the whole as appearythe by the booke of partyculers to . . . . xvj$^{li}$ xix$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

The eleccion dynner made the xvij$^{th}$ daye of September in the yeare of o$^{r}$ Lord God 1572, and in the xiiij yeare of the raigne of o$^{r}$ soveraigne lady Quene Elizabeth, at w$^{ch}$ dynner theyre weare present vj of the Quenes Maiestyes most honorable pryvye Counsell, that ys to saye, the Lord Treasurer of Ingland, the Lord Admyrall of Inglande; the Earle of Warwyke; the Earle of Essex; S$^{r}$ Frauncis Knolls, Knight, Treasurer of the Quenes maiestyes howsolde, and Highe Steward of this Cytie; S$^{r}$ Walter Myldmay, Knight, Chaunsello$^{r}$ of the Quenes Maiesties Corte of Eschecker; and S$^{r}$ Raffe Sadler, Knyght, Chauncellor of the Duchye of Lancaster; besydes S$^{r}$ Rychard Fenys; S$^{r}$ Jerom Bowes, Knyghts; and dyvers

other gentylmen of greate worshypp, and theire retynewe, by reason whereof theise great expenses followyng dyd growe and weare allowed :—

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| In primis for vj quarters of ale | xxij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, twoo kynderkyns of beare | viij$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, one kynderkyn of syngle | .... | |
| Item, for twentie dossen of bred | xxj$^{s}$ | |
| Item, for beef to rost and seth | iij$^{li}$ ij$^{s}$ | ij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for two whole veales, two brests and two loynes | xxxxiiij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for mutton | viij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, for lx$^{li}$ of suet | xij$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for one pecke of prycks | | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for two marybones and twoo udders | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for twentie geyse | xvj$^{s}$ | x$^{d}$ |
| Item, xviij pigges | xxiij$^{s}$ | j$^{d}$ |
| Item, for xviij cowple of capons | xxxvij$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, seven cockrell | xij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, syx dosen and fower pygyons | vj$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, thre dosen and half of chickins | x$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, fowertene duckes | v$^{s}$ | x$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the fee and bringing of two buckes from Woodstock | viij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, fower pounds of candells | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, thirtie thre couple of connyes | xxix$^{s}$ | |
| Item, eight bushells of flower | xxvlj$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, thre rands of sturgion | xij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, seven quarters of coles | ix$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, xlviij$^{li}$ of butter | xij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, ij$^{c}$ of crafysshe | ij$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, thre gamons of bacon | vij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, for quinces | iij$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for apples | ij$^{s}$ | x$^{d}$ |
| Item, fower bushells and half of barley | iiij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, ij bushell of otes | | xx$^{d}$ |
| Item, lviij faggotts | viij$^{s}$ | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for fyve gallons of crayme | vj$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, fower hundred of eggs | viij$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the fee of a bucke brought from S$^{r}$ Xpofer Bromes | iij$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the fee and bringyng a bucke from Beckley | v$^{s}$ | |
| Item, ij pynts of rose water | | xx$^{d}$ |
| Item, j pynt of compound water | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, wyne | xviij$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, cakebred | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, twoo cheses | | xxij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for xix$^{li}$ of ..... | xxiij$^{s}$ | ix$^{d}$ |

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| Item, thre unces of cloves and mace | ij$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, two pecks and half of whyte salte | | xv$^{d}$ |
| Item, for spygott | | j$^{d}$ |
| Item, nutmegs | | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for saunders | | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, pepper and saffron | | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for thre quiers of paper | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, syx dosen of trenchers | | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, ij strayners | | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, p$^{d}$ to fower M$^{r}$. Cooks | xxvij$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, fower under cookes | viij$^{s}$ | viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, to the torn spytts, laborers and women | x$^{s}$ | |
| Item, for peares | | xj$^{d}$ |
| Item, the mending of a spytt and a tryvett | | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for honyons | | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, to M$^{r}$. Wyttyngton for spyce | vij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, to James Willis for spyce | xj$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, to M$^{r}$. Munday for spyce | viij$^{s}$ | iij$^{d}$ |
| Item, to M$^{r}$. Archdale for spyce | xxj$^{s}$ | |
| Item, for one lode of gravell | | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a busshell and half of baye salt | ij$^{s}$ | iij$^{d}$ |
| Item, fower earthen potts | ij$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for hyer of xxviij dosen of vessell | x$^{s}$ | |
| Item, for lone of six dosen of spones | | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for rosen | | iij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the hyer of a horse to Yatendon and his meate | ij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, to M$^{r}$. Williams for his oven | .... | |
| Item, to M$^{r}$. Androwes for his oven | ij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, to Whyt for his oven | | x$^{d}$ |
| Item, for barberyes | | vj$^{d}$ |
| Item, for the coockes dynners, and suppers, and dryncking in tyme of theyer worke | vij$^{s}$ | |
| Item, to the parson of S$^{t}$. Martins for service | | xij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for carying of on lode of segges | | iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for two dishes that were lost | ij$^{s}$ | ij$^{d}$ |
| Summa hujus prandii | xxx$^{li}$ xij$^{s}$ | iiij$^{d}$ |

1572, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Levens.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Maurice Vaughan, James Almont. | *Common Council.* Hugh Boydon. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Stephen Ewen, Thomas Almont. | James Willys. Henry Dodwell. |

1572, Oct. 3. *Fremen admitted by Counsell shalbe also sworne at a courte.*

Hit is ordered at this Councell, that every person that shalbe hensforth at any tyme admitted into the francheis of this Cytie shalbe from hensforth sworne, and take his othe oppenly in a Courte holden at the yeld hall of this Cytie before the Maior, Aldermen, and Balliffs ther, although suche person or persons weare or be before sworne in the Counsell howse. A. 159.

1572, Oct. 16. *Money geven yearly towardes the Fyndyng of a lode Horse.*

Hit is agred at this Counsell and consented by the bakers here under wrytten, that every of the bakers of the said Cytie whose names are here under wrytten shall pay yearly towards the chardges of the lod horse the severall sommes upon every them putt for the fynding of the same horse.

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| Mr. Richard Williams, yearly | v$^{s}$ | Gyles Turbill . . . | ij$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Burnet . . . | x$^{s}$ | Frances Jenyngs . . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Furnes . . . | viij$^{s}$ | William Whyte . . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Massy . . . | v$^{s}$ | Richard Andros . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| Mr. Cox . . . . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ | Robert Grene . . . | xvj$^{d}$ |
| Xpofer Markham . . | iiij$^{s}$ | Sm$^{a}$ xlv$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$. | |

A. 159 b.

1572, Oct. 30. *The Towne Clerke is admitted Soliciter of the Brewers Incorporacion.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that the Towne Clarke shall go to London to solicitat towching the brewer charter, and he to have money sufficient w$^{th}$ hym to beare his charges and to pay o$^{r}$ counsellors theyer fees, and the brewers have promissed that upon his retorne to be contributory to the charges. A. 159 b.

1573, March 28. *For Haynyng of Portemeade.*

Hyt ys agreed at this Counsell that Portemeade shalbe hayned and layed freshe from cattell untyll May daye nexte, and yearely herafter from o$^{r}$ lady daye untyll Maye day, and that everye person of this Cytie that have or shall have any cattell going in the sayde Portemeade shall gyve to the hearde wekely for every beast aswell horsebeast as other, for every weke ob., or otherwise agree w$^{th}$ the hearde fo$^{r}$ all his cattell theire going more or lesse in greate.

Theise persons be appoynted to assyst the Baylyffes in the order at this tyme takne for Portmeade, that ys to say, M^r^. Owen, M^r^. Furnes, M^r^. Hanson, M^r^. Noble, and John Haydon. A. 160 b.

1573, April 10. *Rychard Bryan.*

Hyt ys agreed at this Counsell that Rycharde Bryan of the Cytie of Oxford, brewer, shalbe admytted agayne to be free of the guylde of this Cytie for the som of x^s^ w^ch^ he hathe payde to the Chamberlens of the same Cytie, and iiij^s^ vj^d^ w^ch^ he hathe payde for the offycers fees of the same Cytye; and so ys admytted agayne and sworne.

*Forfeiture of Fredom.*

M^d^ that the saide Richard was ons free before of this Cytie by reason he hadd bene an apprentis, and admytted into the fredom, but because he departed awaye forthe of the Cytye, and left no coffer nor other suffycyent thing whereuppon any distresse might be takne to pay scott and lott, and all other taxes and tallages, theirefore he lost his fredom, and was dreven to compound anewe for the same freedom agayne, and to be newly admytted. A. 161.

1573, May 15. *Lether Bocketts.*

Hyt ys agreed and enacted at thys Counsell that everye parishe of the Cytye and suburbes provyde theise numbers of lether booketts in theire parishes before the fyrste daye of Julye nexte cumminge; that ys to saye, Ste Martyns to prepare twelve booketts, Alhalowes parishe xij booketts, S^t^. Maries parishe tenne booketts, S^t^. Peters in the Este x booketts, S^t^. Aldats parishe tenne booketts, S^t^. Ebbes parishe syxe booketts, S^t^. Peters in the baylye syxe booketts, S^t^. Michaels parishe tenne booketts, S^t^. Thomas parishe syxe booketts, S^t^. Gyles parishe syxe boketts, Marye Magdalene parishe tenne boketts, Hollywell parishe syxe boketts, and Bynsey syxe boketts.

Hyt ys also enacted at the same Councell that yf Edmonde Darye the glover will gyve fortye shillings he shalbe admytted free, and hys moneye shalbe bestowed uppon ladders and hookes. A. 161 b.

1573, June 5. *Concerning the Mercers and Drapers Incorporation.*

Hyt ys agreed at thys Counsell that the booke of the corporacion of mercers and wollen drapers shalbe engrossed and sealed, w^th^ the proviso for the suffycyent auctorytye of the Mayor for the tyme beinge to order and reforme all complaynts and contencyons, and

that the Towne Clarke for the tyme beinge be theire steward, and have a resonable ffee for the same. A. 162.

*John Smyth.*

At thys Counsell John Smyth, chaundeler, hath payde to the Key Kepers to the use of thys Cytye xx$^{s}$, for hys fyne for hys contempte and approbrios words undescretelye and undecentlye used towards M$^{r}$. Alderman Flaxney, and hath performed the rest of hys penance, according to the order of the Mayo$^{r}$, Aldermen, and justices. A. 162.

1573, Sept. 4. *Contynuence of the Twesdayes Lesson.*

Hyt ys enacted and agreed at thys Councell that the Tewsdayes lesson or sermon shall have contyneans for the full yeare following, and afterwards as thys Councell howse shall se cause. A. 163.

1572-3. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Levins, Mayor.*

Nicholas Becke.
John Phillipps, glover.
William Hyggins.
Robert Thomson.
Robert Dissell.
Thomas Bearsley.
William Williams, late app. of William Aldworth, shomaker.
Robert Richardson.
Richard Floyde.
John Dennyse.
Richard, son of Richard Hewett, brewer.
John Spurre, late app. of John Thompson, tayler.
Thomas Staunton.
George Smyth.
Roger Wood.
Robert Holbe.
Henry Tolderveye.
Miles Shawe.
Richard Bryan.
Gylbert Pynkett.
Edmund Carye.
Thomas Williams.
Henry Clarke, late app. of Stephen Ewen, mercer.
John Harberd, late app. of Thomas Wetherall, freemason.

1572-3. *The Accounts of Steven Ewen and Thomas Almonte, 16 Eliz., ending Michaelmas, 1573.*

Item, to a bookebynder for byndynge one of the Towne bookes iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Item, to M$^{r}$. Spenser for wyne geven to my Lorde Norrys at the quarter sessyons holden the Tewsdaye after Lowe Sondaye laste at M$^{r}$. Furressys . . . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Item, to M$^{r}$. Noble for wyne geven to Sir Xpofer Broune at M$^{r}$. Williams the same daye . . . . ij$^{s}$

Item, for a suger lofe wayinge xj$^{li}$ at v$^{d}$ the pounde; Item, for two coople of capons to geve to my Lorde Norrys, when

Mr. Mayor and the Aldermen dyned wth my Lord, and also the caryedge of the same to Wytam to my Lords . xxs vd

Item, payde to the Almes howses for two and fyftye weakes, after fower shillings the weake . . . xli viijs

Item, for wyne caryed to my Lorde Norrys place when as Mr. Mayor and Mr. Aldermen dyned wth my Lorde, and for the boote hyre to cary them thether . . . vjs viijd

Item, for wyne geven to my Lorde Norrys at Mr. Alderman Williams the laste of June at the country muster . iiijs xd

Item, for a dynner made at Mr. Alderman Williams for my Lorde Norrys, Mr. Mayor, and other justices, the tenth daye of July at the Cytye muster, as appeareth by a byll iijli vijs

Item, for a boote to desyer my Lorde to come to the same dynner . . . . . xijd

Item, for a suger loffe wayinge xli, at fyftene pence the pounde, to geve to the Mr. of the Rolls lyinge at Saynte Johns Colledge . . . . . xiijs

Item, for wyne geven to the Mr. of the Rowles the same tyme iijs xd

Item, for boote hyer to ryde the ffraunches . . . ijs

Item, to my Lorde Norrys keper for hys ffee for a bucke . iijs iiijd

Item, geven to my Lorde Chamberlens playe in the Easter weke . . . . . xs

Item, geven to a preacher for a sermon on the coronacion daye, in the xvth yeare of Quene Elizabethes moste gracious raigne . . . . . xs

Item, geven to Mr. Dennys for playinge on the orgaynes the same daye . . . . . xijd

Item, for breade and wyne for the Communyon on the sayde coronacion daye . . . . . xiiijd

Item, for chargys aboute the swanes, that ys to saye, at the sytynge tyme and uppynge tyme, for grounde burds, upinge the whyte game, and for a partinge berde . . xijs ijd

Item, for two pounds of gunpowder that was spente in the Towne musters before my Lord Norrys . . . iijs

*Audit book, p.* 103.

1572-3. *The Accounts of Roger Taylor, Robert Lyncke, William Hewster, Steven Ewen, and Thomas Kyte, Keye Kepers,* 1572-3.

Item, paid to the use of the Quenes matie for the Maior and Burgesses . . . . . vli xvjs viijd

Item, paid to Mr. Owen for his paynes in the Townes busynes xls

Item, paid for the beadle of the beggers . . xviijs viijd

1573, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Roger Hewett.

*Bailiffs*, John Tattleton or Tarleton. William Noble.

*Chamberlains*, Thomas Rowe, William Houghe.

*Common Council.*
Robert Richardson.
Pierce Underhill.
Philip Hewett.

A. 181.

1574, June 2. *Alderman*, Richard Atkinson (quinta majoritate functus) intumulatus. *S. P. E. Registers.*

1573/74, March 18. *For takinge downe of the Cage.*

Hyt ys agreed at thys Councell that the cage shalbe taken downe and be sett in som other convenyent place w^th^in thys Cytie, so that the ledd and pyllarye do stande styll, and that the Towne beare no charges thereof, and that M^r^. Wayte and M^r^. Frere be the overseers thereof, w^th^ the Chamberlens of thys Cytie. A. 182 b.

1574, April 23. *Symon Smyth, payntor.*

Hyt ys also agreed that Symon Smythe, paynto^r^, shalbe admytted into the Gylde of thys Cytie for the suffycyent payntinge and coloringe the beasts and the vanes and the Quenes armes, and suche other the furnyture of Pennelesse Benche, w^th^ good colo^r^s and oyles, and for the paymente of ffower shillings and syxe pence for the offycers ffees. A. 182 b.

1574, June 4. *For the Cage.*

Yt ys agreed at this Counsell that the cage shalbe sett upp at the voyde place beyonde the Castell brydge before Mydsomer next comyng. A. 182 b.

1574, June 28. *Richard Lloyde.*

Yt ys enacted and agreed at this Counsell that Richard Lloyde, taylo^r^, shall make fyne for his contemptuous and approbryos wo^r^des towards George Mondaye, merser, iij^s^ iiij^d^, w^ch^ iij^s^ iiij^d^ shalbe devyded, the one halfe thereof to the Key Kepers to the use of this

Cytye, and the other halfe to the sayde George Mondaye, and to be released of his imprysonment, because he was theirefore by Mr. Mayor commytted to pryson alredy. A. 183.

*For revylyng of Offycers.*

Yt ys also orderyd and agreed at this Counsell that yff any person shall revyle or ivell speke or reporte of the Mayor or Baylyffes of this Cytye, or of any other offycer of the same Cytye, being sworne, that the person or persons so offending shalbe ponyshedd by imprysonment and redempcion, according to the discretyons of the Mayor and Aldermen of this Cytye, and according to the order of a certifycatt sent downe from London to this Cytye, as the same appearith in the redd booke. A. 183.

1574, Aug. 31. *For the bying of Vessell.*

Yt ys agreed at this Counsell that ten garnyshe of vessell shalbe bowght of the Cytie stocke, to serve the necessary use of the Cytie for the dynners and banketts. A. 183 b.

1574, Sept. 22. *Process against William Noble in the University Court.*

22° die Septembris, 1574, in celebri convocatione agitur de insolentia, inobedientia et contemptu Willielmi Noble, Ballivi civitatis Oxon; Qui, cum eodem die accersitus ad Commissarium in templo B. Mar. in se recepisset ostium Gildæ Aulæ apertum iri venerabili viro Doctori Humfrey Commissario istius universitatis, nihilominus abutendo prefatum commissarium, ostium obfirmavit, et se cum clave subduxit, ne pateret ingressus Commissario, Doctoribus, procuratoribus, Magistris Regentibus et senescallo illuc confluentibus ad visum franci-plegii ibidem pro Domina Regina juxta privilegia libertates et consuetudines universitatis custodiendum. Qua de re placuit vener' Convocationi statuere, ordinare et decernere, ut prefatus Ballivus ad Convocationem per Bedellum . . . . . et de abusu, inobedientia et contemptu convictus, authoritate Convocationis committitur in castrum Oxon. Deinde visum est Convocationi, committere vices suas venerabil' viris subscriptis Commissario Doctori Bickley, Dr. Bayley, Dr. Withington, Procuratoribus, Magistro Dorset, Magistro Glasier, Magistro Garvey, et Magistro Garbrand, et eorum majori parti: ita ut penes eos et eorum majorem partem sit, pro arbitrio suo, eundem cum videbitur absolvere, vel sub gravi pœna interdicere

cuilibet privilegiato personæ tantisper cum illo habere commercium dum culpam agnoscens se reddiderit conformem prefato Commissario, &c. *Twyne*, xiii. 388.

1574, Sept. 22. *The Cage ordered to be replaced by Act of the University.*

In convocatione Septr. 22, 1574, placuit convocationi committere vices suas et authoritatem venerabilibus viris ante nominatis (scilicet Doctori Humphrey, Doctori Baylie, Doctori Withington, et procuratoribus et quibusdam aliis) pro removenda et restituenda domuncula vocata "le cage" in pristinum locum, quem Maior Civitatis Oxon. perperam de loco suo pristino abduxerat. *Twyne*, xvi. 264 b.

1573-4. *Will. Noble, his remonstrance of many wronges done unto him and the whole Towne of Oxford by the Universitie, in imprisoninge and discommonynge of him when he was Bayliffe of y^e Towne, for shutting the Gyldhall doore against the Vice-Chanc., Doctors, and Regent Masters when they came to keepe a Leet Court there. A° Elizabethæ* 17°.

Nowe, may it plese yo^r honors to be advertysid that yo^r pore orratter William Noble the . . . . . was commytted close prysoner to the common gayle of the shere, callyd the Castill, by the Vyce-Chancelor of the Unyvercyte and others, where I remaynid xij days untill the ryght honorable S^r Francis Knowills had geven his word by his letter that I should aper befor yo^r hono^rs atthe daye apoyntid to answer to eny matter that shold be layd agaynste me, and that, that the Unyvercyte semythe to ponyshe me for, was for that I stood in the defence of the lyberteyes of the Cytty accordinge to my othe and dewteye towards my p^rynce in that behalf, and as I was bound by my offyce, beynge thene Balyve of the Cytty, and all so I did it atthe commandment of the Mayyo^r and his bretherne, unto [w]home I ame also s[w]orne, and whene I had be in prysone xij dayes, and that S^r Francis Knowils letter came as it were to bayle me, and that they wold not seme to deny his letter, was contente to tacke his word for my aperance, but thene and it shall plese yo^r honors y^t they soghte further to do me a gretter dysplesuere, for where they soght before but to ponyshe me alone, nowe theye ponyshe me, my pore wyfe and vj pore and yonge childerne by sids servants w^ch never offendid, if it should fall owte that I have offendid myselfe, as I truste yo^r honors shall heer it not to be so, and therefore to ponyshe infants of ij and iij eyer old was no charyte nor good concyens, but rather of a mynd utterleye to undo yo^r pore orrator, his wyfe, chyldern, and famyle that is in dysecomynynge me

commaundynge apon a payne that none of the Quens sub jectets, and in erspecyally by no pryvelegde persone shall bargeine, by, or sele wt yor sayd orratter, or eny of his, or cum in his howis, wch is to the grete dysecredite and utter undoynge of yor sayd orrattor, his wyfe, childern, and famyle, it not beynge content wt that, but soghte ferther this undoynge of yor orrattor, his pore wyfe and chylderne, in sekynge moste cruely and unejusteley to tacke aweye there good names, in reportetynge and in open publyshynge in every place where they gooe that yr pore orrator is a banckerowte knave, and is to his grete dyscredite, for no man will credit or truste a banckerowte, and so reportythe of the hole Towne, sayynge what ar the touns men other thene there servants and slavis, wt other uneprobyrowis words as slaves, raskals, and vyllaynes, and that it will never be well till they bete us downe wt clubes, and that some of the Towne be kyld; for saye theye of the Unyvercyte, we will nevr go to lawe wt the Towne, but will feyght it owte, very unesemely words, and it plese yor honors, to be spocke .... of stewedyents, and of soyche as should plye ther bockes, they shold seme rather to bred or ster up a tuemult or an uprower thene peace, it not beynge contente wt abusynge yor por orrator wt many vyle and shame fole reports, but all so his wyfe reportynge of her that, that goods we have she got theme wt here tayle romenynge it more uneonestly and that they had commaundement frome the honorable lord of Leceter to feche here owte of here howis by force, and carte here, and to set here a pon a cocke kynge stole, and washe her[62] by the wch moste shamefull and vyle reports hathe bene and be, to utter unedoynge of yor pore orratrycles good name and fame, wch she hathe it hyther to lyved in all the dayes of here lyfe amovngeste her pore neybors as it shall apere if it plese yor honors to put her to it, and in especyall by my lord chefe barone owte of whoes howis she was marryd, I truste my lord of Leceter, ef his honor will consyder of it, we be redy to put orselves to his honors jugement, a pone exʒamynacyone of the matter; futhermore if eny man of the Towne will fynde falte wt ther imperbycion words in myseusynge of men bothe in words and detes, as the Mayyor of the Cytty who presentithe the Quenes maiesties persone for his oyere, it theye will saye the worste boys of the Unyvercyte is better thene the Mayyor of the Towne, and that they will make the Mayyor of the Towne to offer a halter as lefetenante, and they will sette hym by the heles in prysone wt other uneperbyrowis words, revylynge of him and soyche as takyth his parte, as all townsmen ar in ryghte, and a grete harte bernynge it is to towns men to heer one that presentythe the Queenes maiestis

[62] This person had been discommoned upon the acct of this vertuous wife of his abusing the Vice-Chancr, Dr. Cooper, Ao Domini 1567. See Regr K. fol. 48. (*Twyne.*)

persone as lyfetenant to be so moyche abused as many tymes he is it, if eny man will seme to say eny thynge in it he is strayte weye lycke to have a shure turne, or will dysecommyne theme, if eny man of the Towne will by eny weyes or meens seike to save the lyberteyes and charters of the Cytty in the ryghte of the prince accordynge as he is sworne by his corporaull othe takyne in that behalfe, he shalbe strayteweye dysecomynid, that no pryveleged persone shall by nor sele wt hime, nor none of his, nether cum to his howsse wch is dyrecketely agaynste Gods lawis and the lawe of charyte and good concyens; and if the Unyvercytey should as many tyms theye do intrude apon the Quens Towne, and sekythe by all weyes and meens to in frynge the lybertyes of the Towne, if eny man seme to resyste or speake agaynste theme in the defence of his othe they will by and by dysecommyn hyme, and imprysone hyme bothe, and so theye will kepe hym till he shall seme to subemyt hemeselfe, and confese a falte where none was contrary to his othe and concyens, this theye wilbe there owne juggis sewrte in extream and punyshement contrary to ryghte and all good concyence, and afterwards yor honors shall have the herynge of the matter, this dysecomynnynge of men in this order by there owne attoryte frome whence it comythe, I refer it to yor honors, I will not saye frome the pope, and it plese yor honors frome whome commythe no good nor charytable dede, but from whence so ever it comythe it kepythe the pore inhabytants of the Towne in soyche awe and fere that if there shoold be eny felony, murder or tres[on] or eny other trespas agaynste the prynce, I thynke suerly it wold skares be revelid for fere of dysecomynynge. *Twyne*, iv. 257.

1573-4. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Roger Hewett, Mayor; Thomas Rowe and William Houghe, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1573, *to the same feast,* 1574.

Thomas Perryn, late app. of William Aysheley, glover.
John Aysheley, late app. of John Welles, glover.
Thomas Goode, late app. of Edward Speeke, joyner.
Robert Houghe, late app. of William Powllye, taylor.
Christopher Wylkes, late app. of William Houghe, skynner.
Thomas Hardwaye, late app. of John Comber, taylor.

p. 263 b.

1573-4. *The Accounts of Thomas Rowe and Wyllyam Howghe, late Chamberlains.* 17 *Eliz., ending Mich.,* 1574.

Item, of Rycharde Wylliams, gent., for the rente of a water or fysshinge plote nyghe the est parte of the blacke ffryers xijd
Inprimis, for a proclamacion agaynste seditious bookes and lybells . . . . . iijs iiijd
Item, for a proclamacion concerning books of commen prayer iijs iiijd

Item, for a proclamacion agaynste apparell . . . iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for the players of my lorde of Leyster . . x$^{s}$
Item, bestowed more of theym by the comaundement of Master Mayer . . . . . iij$^{s}$ j$^{d}$
Item, payed William Asheley for iiij peare of gloves that weare geven to noble men at the Acte tyme . . xxviij$^{s}$
Item, for tenne quier of ryoll paper . . . . xj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, payed for a cause lyne to bynd the same . . xij$^{d}$
Item, for making that booke, and clasping and making bosseses to another . . . . . iiij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$

*The Chardges bestowed on the Daye of the Chandge of the Quenes Ma$^{tie}$ Raigne.*

Inprimis, for two quarters of ale . . . . x$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$
Item, for iij gallons of whyte wyne . . . . v$^{s}$
Item, payed to the waytes . . . . . v$^{s}$
Item, payd to the preacher . . . . . x$^{s}$
Item, payed to George Owen . . . . ij$^{s}$ vj$^{d}$
Item, payed for iiij dozen of brede . . . . iiij$^{s}$
Item, payd to Mylles Tomson for mending of a gune . iiij$^{d}$
Item, for bred and wyne att the Communion . . ix$^{d}$
Item, for brynging the ale to Carfoxe . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, payed to the orgayne pleyer . . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, for brynging the ale to Carfoxe . . . iiij$^{d}$
Item, payed for iij$^{lb}$ of gunpowder . . . . iiij$^{s}$
Item, for a mache . . . . . j$^{d}$
Item, for two$^{li}$ and a quarter of sugar . . . iij$^{s}$
Item, for an ownce of nutmeges . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, iij stone pottes . . . . . ix$^{d}$

Sm$^{a}$ xlviij$^{s}$ vij$^{d}$

Item, payed for a key to Bocardo dore . . . xx$^{d}$

*Audit Book*, p. 112.

1574, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Roger Taylor.

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| *Bailiffs*, | John Massey, William Barton. | *Common Council.* Richard Brian. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Robert Rychardson, Sylvester Kyttchyn. | William Tillyard. Robert Dawson. |

A. 184.

1574, Oct. 9. *The Serche of Wrytings.*

Yt ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Mayor and his assocyats shall proced w$^{th}$ the full serche of all wryghtinges, and for all other necessary thyngs to be done for the matters and necessary busynes of this Cytie that shalbe before the lordes of the Quenes Maiesties Pryvye Counsell. A. 185 b.

1574, Oct. 19. *The going to London of Mr. Mayor and others.*

Yt ys agreed at this Counsell that Mr. Alderman Williams, Mr. Alderman Tylcocke, Mr. Todd, Mr. Cogan, Mr. Owen, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Noble, and the Towne Clarke shall attende uppon Mr. Mayor in the busynes of this Cytie before the lordes of the Counsell.

A. 185 b.

1574, Oct. 25. *An Advice or Declaration of Sr Francys Knolles, Steward to ye City of Oxon, concerninge some Businesses betwixt ye University and Citty.*

Forasmuch as ye Citty of Oxford hath made me theire Stewarde of ye Towne, wherein I have continued about x yeares, duringe which time I have labored ye best I could to avoyde all occasions of contention and striffe betweene ye University and ye Towne, and untyll nowe ye Townesmen have lyved in reasonable quiet, for I have caused ye Townesmen to use all reverence unto ye sayde University, and to submitt themselves to ye University as touchinge ye rule of ye Proctors for good order, and touchinge ye rule of ye clerke of ye markett, and for ye assisse of bread and ale, and all thinges appertayninge to ye clerke of ye markett, and also to doe to ye University all ye honour they coulde, as well in givinge them prheminence of place wthin the Towne, as usinge all humility of woordes unto them, wth acknowledginge ye University to be ye grounde and cause of ye wealth of their Towne, if any there be, although it cannot be but some private persons of such a populous Towne will forgett their dueties; neverthelesse since nowe contention is arisen by ye reason of an innovation that ye University did lately offer to ye Towne, in meaninge to have kept a leete in ye Guildehall of ye Towne wthout givinge a prcept to ye Baylives of ye Towne for warnynge of a Jury of ye Towne, but wolde have used their bedells insteade of ye Baylives of ye Towne in this behalfe, and wherein ye LL. of ye Privy Councell have appoynted you wth Mr. Atturney and Mr. Solliciter to heare all their controversies and to advise them of your opinions, I desire nothinge but that it may please you to give leasure and tyme to heare ye parties for ye Towne equally. 25 October, at ye Courte, 1574.

Yours assured,

F. KNOLLYS[63].

*Twyne*, iv. 265.

[63] Taken out of ye originall in a certayne chest in ye Towne office; ye originall was wthout any direction. This letter was probably meant for the two Justices of the Common Pleas, Manwood and Monson, appointed to determine the dispute.

1574/75, Jan. 18. *Mr. Mayor and the rest of the xiij to make Leases to the Churchwardens and Paryshenors of thys Cytie.*

Yt ys agreed att thys Counsell that Mr. Mayor wth the rest of the thyrtene shall make a leas to the Churchwardens or other parysheoners in the parishes of Allhallowes, St. Maryes, and St. Peters in the Est, and to all other parysheys that lyst to take any suche leas of the bodye of thys Cytie for the terme of xxjtie yeares, uppon suche covenants and rents as Mr. Mayor and the rest of the xiijth shall agreupon, and that Mr. Mayor maye seale and delyver suche leases so agreed upon wthout the callyng of thys howse agayne. A. 186.

1574/75, Feb. 19. *Letter from the Privy Council to the Mayor ordered.*

A letter to the Mayor of Oxford to make his repaire hither by the xxvjth of this present to understand their LLs. resolucion for the ordering and compoundinge of certen controversies betwene the Universitie and them. *Privy Council Registers*, p. 312.

1575, April 6. *The two Baylyffs and the two Chamberlens for the yeare Vewers of the Wast Ground.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that the two Baylyffs and the two Chamberlens for thys yeare do make vewe of the wast grounde in the ryver syde betwene the sowth brydge and Welchemans meadow, and Irelond meadowe and Blacke Fryers meadowe, and also for the donghyll by St. Ebbes Churche, and the lane behynd Postmaster Hall, and the dong hyll betwene Mrs. Tolderveys grounde at Smyth gate and Crowell, and to signifye thys howse what they shall thynk convenient to be enclosed or leased at the next Counsell. A. 187.

1575, April. *Articles exhibited by William Noble, of Oxeford, against certein of ye Universitie.*

TO THE QWENES MOSTE HONORABLE PRYVIE COUNSELL.

Articles of Complaint exhibited unto yor honors by Willyam Noble, of Oxonford, against certeyne rude and unruly persons of the Universitie of Oxon., as well those whose names are in the bill exhibited in ye Courte of Star Chamber, as others, for dyvers and sondry dysorders, ryots, and mysdemeanors by them used from tyme to tyme, contrary to the Qwenes Mats peace, and contrary to yor honors commaundement in that behalf given both to the Universyty and the Towne: over and besides the matter and dys-

order of ryot and unlawfull assemblyes, now dependinge in the sayde Courte of Starre Chamber before your honours.

Inprimis, there was a ryot commytted and donne aboute Mydsomer last past at the Crosse in aforesaide[64] in Oxforde aforesayde, against v or vj of M^r^. Hartots men, beinge straungers, by certeyne of the Unyversytye, and they weare wellny a thowsande in nomeber, w^ch^ did assemble them selves togeather with swordes, daggers, billes, and clubs, in warlike sorte; and the names of the chief doers whereof were these, John S[t]aughton, Thomas Mathewe, Thomas Foster, and others; which assembly did forceably and violently, contrary to y^e^ Q. Ma^ts^ peace, beare open the gates of the sayde inne, and yf the better hap had not benne, there had benne a nomeber of men slayne, and yet no inquyry made by the justices at any tyme.

Item, the seconde ryot or mysdemeanor was commytted by one John Bust, of Xpistes Church in Oxon., M^r^ of Arte, and his companye, beinge about y^e^ nomeber of xl or l personnes, w^th^ swords and bucklers, bills and clubs, all arayed w^th^ weapons in warlicke sorte, contrary to y^e^ Qwenes Ma^ts^ peace, and by great force and violence, with great peeces of tymber, about xj or xij of the clocke at nyght, did ronne against and break downe the dore of the howse of one Edmonde Bennet, and entered his howse w^th^ weapons, and put them in the howse in greate feare of their lives, havinge no just cawse nor auctorytye thereunto.

Item, the third disorder or mysdemeanor ys, that one Richarde Barret, one of the Procters of the Unyversytye, and his man, entered the howse or shop of one John Clarcke in the mydst of the daye w^th^ weapon, to have had him fourth of his howse w^th^out cawse, and put the wief of the sayde Clarcke in greate feare; and another tyme the sayde Procter entered his howse, and toke awaye a hat of y^e^ price of x or xj^s^, contrary to y^e^ Qwenes Ma^ts^ peace.

Item, the ffowerth mysdemeanor ys, that about Xpistmas last Thomas Hickson, John Staughton, Thomas Mathewe, Xpofer Toldervey, and M'docheus Allden, w^th^ y^e^ nomeber of a xij or xvj personnes, about viij of the clocke in y^e^ night did enter y^e^ howse of one Richarde Webbe, w^th^ their weapons readye drawen, as swords, daggers, and bastynadoes, and other weapons, and so went up and downe into every parte of the howse, and put the goodman of the howse, and his wief, being an ould woman of the age of fowerskore yeres and upward, and all the howshould besydes, in great feare of their lives, contrary to the peace, without any just cawse or auctorytye.

[64] Pen run through "aforesaid" in original.

Item, the ffift ryot or mysdemeanor was commytted and donne the xiiij$^{th}$ daye of January last against this complaynaunt, in breakinge his howse and woundinge him, and puttinge him, his wief, and childrene, in great ffeare and peryll of their lives, w$^{ch}$ ys allredy before yo$^{r}$ hono$^{r}$s by the sayde bill exhibyted in the Starre Chameber.

Item, the sixt misdemeanor ys, that the sixteneth daye of Januarye last one Henry Snowe, a M$^{r}$ of Arte, of Christes Church, did strike a deadly and mortall wounde uppon the head of one Thomas More, a servaunt to ..... Kinge, in Oxon., and allmost wounded him to death with a great longe dagger, and stroke him w$^{th}$ such great force w$^{th}$ the sayde dagger that he fell to the grounde; and when he was downe the sayde Henrye Snowe strake at him agayne so fierce, that by good hap his dagger fell out of his hand, orells w$^{th}$out doubt he had slayne him, and for no cawse but for that he, like a good subiecte, w$^{th}$out eyther sticke or staff or any other kinde of wepon, did asmoch as in him dyd lye to kepe the peace at the ryot commytted at this complaynaunts howse, ffor yf he had not benne there, w$^{th}$out all doubte there had benne some murder donne at that tyme.

Item, the seaventh mysdemeanor ys, that the seaventeneth daye of Januarye the sayde Richard Barret, beinge a sworne officer to y$^{e}$ peace, did beat a mans servaunt, standinge at his m$^{rs}$ dore in the eveninge, without cawse, contrary to the peace; and as it should seme he did yt to thentent to stirre a newe ryot or unlawfull assembly, considerenge the great ryot commytted and donne but three dayes before against this complaynaunte and his howse, and against the wounding the servaunt aforesayde almost to death, wheruponn the matter was very evill thought of, and great hart burninge was amongest the inhabytants of the same seinge the dysorder of dyvers of the Universytye, and no reformacion had therein by lawe or justice.

Item, the eight mysdemeanor ys, that the tenth daye of Februarye last there was certeyne of the Universytye, to y$^{e}$ nomeber of xxx or xl personnes (some of whose names are in the sayd bill exhibited into the sayde Courte of Starre Chamber before yo$^{r}$ hono$^{r}$s for a ryot, and both they and the rest are well knowen to the Vice Chameberleyne of the Unyversytye), whoe assembled them selves togeather, about xj of the clocke in the night, w$^{th}$ swords and bucklers and clubs, and other weapons, contrary to the Qwenes Ma$^{ts}$ peace; and went thorowe the Towne, soundinge both drome and trompet, sayenge, Come out the prowdest townesman that dareth, and so went up and downe the streats, misusinge both men and women w$^{th}$ opprobryous words, they lienge in their beds, neyther thincking nor

doinge any harme to them, and all (as yt should seme) was to begynne a newe ryot or rather insurrection.

Item, the nyneth dysorder or mysdemeanor ys, that the sixteneth daye of February last, about eight of the clocke in the night, one Pepwell, Henry Snowe, Christofer Toldervey, M^rs^ of Arte, w^th^ dyvers others, to the nomeber of xij or xv personnes, most M^rs^ of Arte of Christes Church, standing in y^e^ high waye there, cam by them in Gods peace and the Qwenes a pore myllner a horse backe, w^th^ five and six small gristes under him, whome they torned besides his horse, and threwe the same griste downe, some in one place and some in an other, and some in wet and ffowle places, and asmany of them as could ryde on the said horse got up uppon him, and rode up and downe y^e^ Towne; and the poore miller went after them, desyrenge them to have his horse agayne, for that he was a servaunt, and shold have blame for his long taryenge, and that yf the horse should miscarry, he should be torned out of servyce; and they, beinge also requested gentlye to delyver the poore myller his horse, by dyvers honest inhabytants of the Towne, they gave them very evyll and opprobrious words unmete to be repeated to yo^r^ honors. And havinge had their pleasure in rydenge, they whipped the poore fellowe w^th^ his owen whippe, whoe gave them never a ffowle word; and yet not so contente, they tooke his hat out of his hande and rent yt all in peeces, and so departed awaye, levinge the poore myller w^th^out recompence for his injuryes, beinge a very evill example and not to be suffered in a comon welth.

Item, the tenth mysdemeanor ys, that the one and twentyeth daye of Marche last, about nyne of the clocke in the night, one M^r^. Smith, Thomas Hickson, Mardocheus Allden, Christofer Toldervey, and one Hamond and Henry Snowe, M^r^ of Arte of Christe Churche, w^th^ dyvers others, some w^th^ weapons, came to the howse of one John Fillips, a cordwayner, in the mydst of the Towne, and there called him sowter, and at his owen dore gave him such opprobrious words as are not to be spoken of any cyvill man, and w^th^ all, sauinge yo^r^ hono^r^s reverence, they made water in at the chincks of his dore and windowes uppon him and his men, beinge at wourke in his shopp, so that he and his men, being v or vj, were ffayne for quietnes to leave their wo^r^ke and goe fourth of the shop into y^e^ howse, and let them alone. It should seme (and yt maye please yo^r^ hono^r^s) that they did yt to pyke a quarrell, and to have him and his men come ffourthe that the peace might be broken, ffor that he dyd asmoch as in him was to kepe the peace when the ryot was commytted uppon this complaynaunt and his howse.

Item, the eleventh mysdemeanor ys, that at Holloutyde last past

there came to a ffaire, called Frydayes Wyde fayre, a gouldsmith that soulde counterfecte wares, as copper and gilt for sylver and gilt, and therby did deceyve the Qwenes Maiestyes subiects, w^ch^ gouldsmith the Baylives apprehended, and wold have commytted him to warde, to thende that he might be punished for his offence, but the fore sayde Thomas Hickson and his company conveyed him awaye, that he escaped w^th^out punishment, contrary to all equytye and justyce, and to the great encouragement of the like offendo^rs^.

Item, the twelveth mysdemeanor ys, ffor that no mans servant, nor the M^r^ him self, can sit at their owen dores, nor goo about their busynes in the evenings quietly, but he shalbe beaten, and havinge any thing in his hand yt shalbe taken awaye from him, as wyne and wyne pot. And yf a man gooe but w^th^ a lanthorne to see his waye, yt shalbe smytten out of his hande and broken, and the party beaten. All these, w^th^ dyvers other ryots, dysorders, and mysdemeanors, are used contrary to the Qwenes Maiestyes peace, to the great annoyaunce, damage, hurt, vexacion, and dysquietnes of her Maiests poore subiects, inhabytaunts of the Cytty of Oxford, most humbly craving of your hono^rs^ some spedy reformacion herein. And yo^r^ poore orato^r^ and all the rest of y^e^ inhabytaunts of the same Cyttye of Oxon. shall accordinge to their bounden dewtyes praye unto thalmighty for the longe contynuance of yo^r^ hono^rs^ most happy estate, &c.

*State Papers, Domestic, Addenda, Eliz.*, A.D. 1575-6, vol. xxiv. 19.

*Articles of Complaint exhibited by William Noble to the Privy Counsel, against the Mayor and certain Townsmen.*

TO THE Q[WENES] MOST HONORABLE PRYVY COUNSEL.

Articles of Complainte against Roger Tailer, Thomas Willyams, Nicholas Tode, and Roger Hewet, ffor that they have not donne their dewtyes to the Qwenes Maiesty, and to the comon welth, accordinge to the trust to them commytted by the Qwenes Ma^ts^ auctorytye of commyssion of her highnes peace. Exhibited by William Noble.

Inprimis, the saide Willyam Noble complayneth ffor that he beinge a poore officer to the Qwenes Ma^tie^, one of the Bayllyffs of the said Cyttye of Oxon, one Barthilmewe Lystor was by him apprehended and sente to warde, for that he was suspected to have broken up his M^rs^ chamber or closet, and to have taken out in the absence of his M^r^ the some of fforty or ffyfty poundes, and had played a great parte thereof at dyce, at one Henry Joyners house, of which playenge his

M^r havinge gotte intelligence by a ffreind of his, he came and tooke the sayde Barthilmewe at dyce, and takinge him a syde receyved the rest of the mony that was left, and threatned the good man of the howse that he should paye the mony that was lost becawse his servaunt lost yt in his howse, and so contrary to the Qwenes Ma^ts lawes w^thout any order, or bringeng his servaunt before a justice to be examyned of his offence, carryed awaye both his money and his manne; and the foresayde servaunt beinge afterward as above by this complaynaunt apprehended and imprysoned, about ffyve of the clocke in the eveninge he signefyed the same to the sayde Roger Hewet, then beinge Maio^r of Oxon, and told him all the matter aforesayde, desyrenge him at his leysure to call some other justices unto him to examyn the sayde servaunt, whoe aunswered that the next morninge at nyne of the clocke he woulde; and yet contrarywiese the sayde Maio^r, Thomas Willyams and Nicholas Tod (nothinge regardinge the punishm^t of vyce, and mayneteyn^ance of justice, accordinge to their othes and dewtyes) dyd afterwarde about nyne of the clocke the same nighte confederate them selves togeather, and went to the pryson, and as yt weare of fforce toke the sayde prisoner out of pryson, letting him gooe w^thout eyther examyninge him or puttinge him to bayle, to aunswere to any thinge that should be layde to his charge on the behalf of the Qwenes Maiestye, but so let him gooe contrary to all justice, and as yt weare to the encouragement of others to doo the like.

Item, there was a certeyne lewde ffellowe (whose name this complaynaunt cannot tell) which entered the howse of one Cocks in . . . . . and stole out certeyne bras, whoe beinge apprehended and brought before a justyce confessed the ffelony, and yet was let goe w^thout bayle, or any such punishmente.

Item, there was one Thanckome which entered into a scholers chameber and stole a coverlet of the bed of the valewe of xiij^s iiij^d or thereabouts, and the scholer cominge unto this complaynaunt, whoe then was Baylif, charged him to seeke and search after the sayde Thanckcombe, whoe did soe, but he had sould the coverlet and was fled before he could be hard of; and in a while after he came secretly to the Cyttye, and was taken and brought before the justices, unto whome he confessed the havinge of coverlet, and yet the justyces wold not put him to bayle, neyther yet punish him, but let him goe to the evill example of others, whoe thereby was so boldened that ymmedyatly after he commytted another ffelonye in Newe Coledge, and yet let goe w^thout any punishment.

Item, there was one Kyrse, a lewde ffelowe, which entered the howse of one George Smith and stole a cloake, and was taken and

brought before the justices, and there confessed the takinge of the cloake, and yet he was let gooe w$^{th}$out bayle or any other punishm$^{t}$, to the evill example of others; and the party was so imboldened therby in his evill facts, that w$^{th}$in iij or iiij dayes after he stole a horse, and [what] was become of him for that this complaynaunt cannot tell.

Item, there was request made by y$^{e}$ Bailiffs of Oxon to the justices aforesayde, in the Qwenes Maiesties name, that one Owen Gilney, a comon buyer and receyver of stolen goods, should be bounde to appere at the next cessyons, then and there to make aunswere yf any thinge should be layde against him on the behalf of o$^{r}$ soveraigne ladye the Qwenes Maiesty, but the justices wold not bynde him, but suffer him still to contynewe in his lewde doings contrary to the lawes of the realme; and in tyme will torne to the subvertion of the common welth, ffor yf there weare no receyvers, there would not be so many pickers.

Item, when the justices dooe baile any prysoner, they take such suertyes that are not sufficient for povertyes sake, and yf it happen the party so baylyd dooe not come to his aunswere yet there ys nothinge to be had for the Qwene by fforfeyture of the recognizaunce for that the suertyes be nothinge wo$^{r}$th, which should seme rather to be a mayneteynaunce of lewde personnes, then other wise to execute justice; and yf it happen that ther be good suertyes dooe bayle a prysoner, and that the prysoner dooe not make his appearaunce, then the justices will keepe backe the recognizaunce from y$^{e}$ Bayliffs, or frome them that ought to gather yt, and make accompte of yt to the Qwenes Ma$^{ts}$ use, w$^{ch}$ ys another imbolden$^{i}$nge of evill persons contrary to justice.

Item, the justices dooe not see that all unlawfull games, as dyce, cards, tables, bowlls, shovelaborde, w$^{t}$ such other the like, be expeld and quyte put downe, but suffers them to be mayneteyned in every alehowse and tipling howse, and in other places contrary to the lawes of this realme, and against the common wealth; and yf at a Quarter Cessyons of the Peace they be founde and presented by the othes of twelve men, yet there ys no amendm$^{t}$ but rather worse rule, becawse the justices will not dooe their dewtyes, for when they be presented, eyther they will let the p$^{r}$sentm$^{ts}$ lye dead or ells will set a fyne of j$^{d}$ or ij$^{d}$ uppon them at the moste that have fforfeyted to the Qwene by waye of recognizaunce xx$^{li}$, which so bouldeneth them that they feare noe lawe.

Item, the good and holesome lawes made for the common wealth of this realme are reiected and not put in use as they ought to be, for lacke of justice, w$^{th}$in the sayde Cyttye, as an acte for the poore,

an acte for the common wealth of this realme made for caps, ffor mayneteynaunce of artyllarye, and buts for men and mens servaunts to shute, and for high wayes and such other the like good and wholesome lawes, for the common welth are nothinge at all lookt to, but utterly expeld and let goe for lacke of loking to, moste humbly cravinge of yo^r^ hono^rs^ that some spedy redres maye be had herein for the poores sake.

Item, there weare twoe ffellons taken for entringe a howse and cuttinge a packe, and takinge awaye certeyne things out of the sayde packe, and brought before the justices, where the one of them confest yt and accused thother; they weare both arrayned and indyted, and confessed yt at the arraynem^t^ of his lief and death, and stronge evidence was also gyven against them by oth, yet the jurye nothinge regardinge there owen confessyon before the justices, neyther the evydence given uppon othes, neyther their owen confessyon standinge at the barre before them selues when they came to be arrayned, nether regardinge their owen othes, past quyt against the evidence as yt weare to commyt wilfull parjurye, and acquited the sayde malefacto^rs^ contrary to their othes and evidence; and yet the justices seinge this wilfull periury commytted and donne before there faces woulde not certefy yt into the Starre Chameber before your honors, might take some order therein to abolish and put awaye that ffowlle and detestable vyce, but doth conseall yt and kepe yt unpunished to the evill example of others. Moste humblye beseechinge yo^r^ hono^rs^ that some spedye order may be taken for redres of these manifest abuses, and that dewe administratyon of justyce maye be used, for the punishment of such lewde and evyll disposed persons, otherwiese the common wealth will torne to utter ruyne and decaye, w^ch^ God fforbyd. And yo^r^ poore oratour, accordinge to his bounden dewtye, with the rest of thinhabitaunts of the Cyttye of Oxonford, shall daily praye unto God for the prosperous estate of the Qwenes most excellent Maiesty in royalty longe to reigne, and the happy estate yo^r^ honors with all felicyty longe to contynewe.

*State Papers, Domestic, Addenda, Eliz.*, A.D. 1575-6, vol. xxiv. 20.

1575, May 17. *A Coppie of y^e^ Orders of y^e^ Lords of y^e^ Counsell betwixt y^e^ Universite and y^e^ Towne in 17^o^ Elizabeth.*

Elizabetha Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Regina, fidei defensor &c. Omnibus ad quos presentes literæ pervenerint Salutem. Inspeximus irrotulamentum cujusdam warranti nostri gerentis dat' apud Greenew^ch^ decimo septimo die Maii ultimo preterito predilecto et fideli Consiliario nostro Nicholao Bacon militi custodi magni

sigilli nostri Angliæ confecti et in Rotulis Cancellariæ nostræ irrotulati in hæc verba:

Elizabeth by y^e grace of God Queene of England, France, and Ireland, defendor of the faith, &c. To o^r right trusty and welbeloved councello^r S^r Nicholas Bacon, Knight, Keeper of y^e great Seale of England, greeting, Whereas wee have bin informed y^t heretofore have bin divers controversies, debates, and strifes betwene y^e Vice-Chancello^r, M^rs, and Schollers of o^r Universitie of Oxford, and y^e Maior, Bailiffes, and Burgesses of our Towne of Oxford aforesaid, wherein o^r Privie Councell haveing sundrie tymes heard the allegacions of both parties and their learned councell, and taken y^e advise of Roger Manwood and Robert Monson, two of y^e Justices of o^r Common Plees, and o^r Attorney and Sollicitor-Generall, have w^th good deliberacion made certaine orders agreeing w^th lawe and equitie. And so to be practized by both parties accordingly. To the intent that y^e said good order may ensue and continue hereafter to y^e more quietnes and better p^rservacion of justice, wee doe herew^th send unto you y^e said orders conteyned in a schedule subscribed w^th the hands of o^r said councell, w^ch at y^e humble intercession of o^r right trustie and right well beloved cosin and Chancellor, the Earle of Lecester, Chancellor of o^r said Universitie, o^r will and pleasure is, and so wee require you to cause to be entred and enrolled in o^r chancery to remayne in record, and to be used and exemplified hereafter under o^r Great Seale for the benefit of the Chancellor, Masters, and Schollers of o^r said Universite, or any others as the case shall require, and these our letters shalbe yo^r sufficient warrant in this behalfe; yeven under o^r signett at o^r mannor of Greenew^ch, the 17 day of May, 1575, y^e seavententh yere of our raigne, per ipsam Reginam, &c.

Et warrant' inde reman' in custodia predicti custodis magni sigilli. Inspeximus etiam irrotulamentum quarundem ordinationum virtute warrant' predict' in Rotulis Cancellariæ nostræ predict' irrotulat' in hæc verba: Whereas heretofore there hath ben divers controversies, debates, and strifes betweene the Vice-Chancello^r, Masters, and Schollers of y^e Universitie of Oxford in the one syde, and y^e Mayer, Aldermen, and Commons of y^e said Cittie on y^e other syde, touching the use and exercise of sundry charters and privileges alleged by both parties for the maintenance of such liberties and other things as were claimed by them, whereby did and was daily more and more like to ensue great disquietnes in the said Universite and Towne not meet to be suffered; wherefore uppon the repaire hither of M^r. D^r. Humfrey, Vice-Chancello^r, an certain other officers of y^e said Universitie, and Roger Tayler, Maior, w^th some of y^e Aldermen, and the Recorder, Towne Clarke, Burgesses of y^e said Cittie of Oxford, their Lpps.

thought it convenient to move both parties to submit to the hearing of the causes of their controversies in lawe to grave and indifferent men learned in the lawes of the realme. Whereupon both parties did assent that all and singular the said controversies and debates should be commited to y^e^ hearing, report, and consideracion of Roger Manwood and Robt. Monson, two of y^e^ Justices of y^e^ Common Place, Gilbert Gerrard and Thomas Bromley, her Ma^ties^ Attorney and Sollicitor-Generall, who by order of their lordshipps sundrie times called before them both parties w^th^ their learned councell, and fullie heard and examined the charters and priviledges on either syde, w^th^ all the allegacions and answers of both parties; and thereuppon y^e^ said foure commissioners sett downe in wryting their opinions concernyng the said controversies as agreeable w^th^ lawe and iustice, and afterward their Lpps. haveinge had at three severall times the said Vice-Chancello^r^ and officers of y^e^ Universitie w^th^ their learned councell, the Maior, Aldermen, Recorder, and Towne Clarke of the said Cittie before them w^th^ their learned councell, wherof the one time was at y^e^ Starrchamber, wher y^e^ Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England, and some others of y^e^ Privie Councell, besides these above named were present, and w^th^ good deliberacion considered not only y^e^ report of the said committes exhibited in writing, but also particularlie in p^r^sence of the said committes, and all y^e^ parties heard the circumstance of y^e^ whole matter, claymes, answers, and replies on both sydes what eche partie could alledge, and so w^th^ great and advised deliberacion their lordshipps have according to right and equitie for the benefit and quiet both of y^e^ Universitie and Cittie, places necessarie to bee ordered allwayes by y^e^ authorite of y^e^ Privie Councell, thought convenient and necessarie to have these orders following sett downe to be inviolablie hereafter observed by both parties, and upon y^e^ returne of the said Vice-Chancellor and Maior, w^th^in xiiij dayes to be published and notified by them in the common places of the assemblies of y^e^ said Universitie and Cittie, to bee by them appointed and called together for that purpose, as in like soleme acts have bin heretofore accustomed, as orders injoyned unto them from their lordships in the Queenes Ma^ties^ name, and there to bee regestred in the common booke of y^e^ said Universitie and Cittie, to remaine as a perpetuall memory and record of such orders betweene them, as followeth:

*The arrearages of fifteene hundred marks.*

Inprimis whereas the said Universitie demaundeth of y^e^ said Cittie the summe of xv.c. marks for y^e^ arrerages of one annuitie or annuall payment of one c. marks yearly paiable by y^e^ said Citie for a memo-

riall or penance of a slaughter committed by their predecessors in a conflict against y^e^ said Universitie, and for payment whereof their predecessors stand bound to y^e^ said Universitie by their deed obligacion bearing date y^e^ xv^th^ day of Maye in the 31^th^ yeare of y^e^ raigne of King Edward the Third of England, and y^e^ xviij^th^ yere of his raigne of France, and now due and unpaid as y^e^ said Universitie alleageth for xv^th^ yeares now last past; ffor so much as y^e^ said Cittie hath shewed unto us y^e^ said committes a depheazance of y^e^ said bond from y^e^ said Universitie, bearing date about y^e^ same time, wherby y^e^ said Universitie did then graunt and agree, that if y^e^ Maior and Burgesses of the said Citie procured a masse to be said yearely, and at y^e^ same did offer for y^e^ soules of them that were slayne in the said conflict, that then y^e^ said grant or bond of a hundred marks yearly should be voyde for suche, and so many yeares only, and for no more wherein the said masse and offeringe was and should be procured and performed accordingly; and for that y^e^ said condicion is now and by y^e^ space of y^e^ said xv yeares last past hath bin against lawe, so that y^e^ said Citie could not nor may lawfully performe y^e^ same verbatim according to y^e^ said depheazaunce. It is therefore thought good and reasonable, and so ordered, that y^e^ said Citie performing y^e^ true meaning of all things hereafter mencioned on their parte to be performed, should be discharged of y^e^ said arrearages. And because y^e^ true intent of y^e^ said bond was principally to continue a perpetuall memorie of y^e^ said slaughter and misdemeanor committed by y^e^ said Citie to their terror for doing or attempting y^e^ like. It is likwise thought reasonable and convenient by their Lordships that y^e^ said Maior and Burgesses of y^e^ said Citie shall yearly procure a communion or sermon to be made in S^t^. Maries Church there on y^e^ day mencioned in y^e^ said dephezaunce, and then and there w^th^ such number of y^e^ Citie as in y^e^ said bond or dephezaunce are mencioned, make their oblacion yearlie of a peny a peece at y^e^ least to y^e^ use of y^e^ said University, for a perpetuall memorie or remembrance of y^e^ said slaughtor or misdemeanor by them commited as aforesaid, and not y^e^ soules of y^e^ parties then slaine, or for anie other superstitious use.

*Post Horses taking.*

Item, whereas by lettres patents of King Henry the Eight, bearing date the first day of Aprill in the xiiij^th^ yeare of his reigne, it is graunted unto y^e^ said University, that neither the horses of y^e^ Chancellor or Schollers of y^e^ said Universitie, nor of their servaunts, nor of y^e^ servaunts of y^e^ said Universitie, should be taken

for post horses or other purposes against their will. And they complaine that y^e citizens of y^e said Citie have taken the horses of divers schollers and priviledged persons contrary unto the said charter and true meaning thereof. It is thought reasonable and agreable to lawe and equitie, and therefore ordered, that y^e said Universitie shall enioy the benefit of the said charter touching y^e same, and that neither y^e said citizens nor any of them should by anie coloure at any time hereafter take y^e horses of any schollers or persons priviledged or of y^e said Universitie w^thout y^e assent of y^e said Universitie, or of y^e Chancello^r or Vice-Chancello^r thereof, or of y^e schollers or priviledged persons.

*The Othe.*

Item, where y^e said Universitie sheweth a grant by y^e charter bearing date the xxj day of June in y^e 52^nd yeare of the raigne of Kinge Henrie y^e third, that whensoever the Maior and Baillifs of Oxford should take their othe in y^e common pleace of their assembly, warninge should be given thereof to y^e Chancellor of y^e said Universitie by y^e Comminaltie of y^e said Cittie, that either he might be there or appoint some other in his place, and that y^e said Maior and Bayllifs should there take an othe to observe and keepe the liberties and customes of y^e said Universitie. And where y^e said Universitie now complayneth that neither the othe hath bin taken, nor warning given in forme aforesaid; and where y^e said Citie for answer hereto alledge, that they have not used to make any such othe in their common place or assembly, nor to give anie such warning, but say that they have used upon warning given to them by y^e Universitie to take this same othe in y^e Universitie Church therew^th a salving allwaies of y^e liberties of y^e Cittie. It is thought reasonable and convenient and so ordered that the said othe mentioned in the said charter, shall be taken by y^e Maior and Bayleffes and others of y^e said Citie, chargeable by y^e said charter thereunto, yearly from henceforth verbatim according to y^e said charter before y^e Maiors entrie into the execution of his said office, and w^thout anie salvinge of y^e liberties of y^e said Citie, saving y^t where the said charter appointeth it to bee taken in y^e common place of assembly in the said Citie. It is now thought good, and hereby appointed to be taken and done in the said S^t. Maries Church, for that purpose lately accustomed, adding only before these words in the othe, liberties and customes of y^e Universitie, &c., the word *lawfull* as ensueth, viz.: You shall sweare that trulie you shall observe and keepe all manner of lawfull liberties and

customes of the said Universitie, the w^ch^ y^e^ Chancello^r^, Masters, and Schollers of y^e^ said Universitie have reasonably used w^th^out any gaine saying, saving the fidelitie to y^e^ Queenes Ma^tie^, so God you help, &c.

*Wollen Cloth buying and selling.*

Item, whereas King Edward the third by his lettres patents, bearing date the xij day of Aprill in the tenth yeare of his raigne, did graunt to y^e^ said Universitie, that all men bringing linnen or wollen cloth to the Towne of Oxford or suburbs thereof, might lawfully sell y^e^ same by retaile or wholesale to schollers or others mencioned in the said charter at their pleasure and will, w^th^out let or disturbance of the Maior, Bailiffs, or Burgesses of y^e^ said Citie; contrarie to w^ch^ graunt the said Universitie complaineth that the said Maier and Burgesses will not suffer poore men, bringing wollen or linnen thyther, to sell y^e^ same by retaile accordingly, whereas although the answer of the said Citie is that the said graunt made to y^e^ said Universitie by y^e^ said lettres patents is contrarie to their auncient liberties before that time to them graunted and confirmed by lettres patents and Acts of Parliam^t^; yet seing the same their allegacion hath not bin found to be sufficient, it is thought lawfull and convenient, and ordered that every person bringing any linnen or wollen cloth to y^e^ said Cittie of Oxford, may lawfully sell the same by retaile or wholesale to any scholler or priviledged persons of the said Universitie, or to any other in the said charter lycensed; and that the said schollers and priviledged persons and others aforesaid, may lawfully buy the same w^th^out interruption of the said Citie or anie of them at all times hereafter.

*Buying and Selling of Marchandizes by Schollers and Priviledged Persons.*

Item, wheras the said Universitie as well by lettres patents of King Henry the Eight, bearinge date the first day of Aprill, in the xiiij^th^ yeare of his raigne, as also by a composicion betweene y^e^ said Towne and Universitie in the tyme of King Edward the First, claymeth libertie and freedome w^th^in y^e^ said Citie and suburbs for all schollers, their servants, and ministers w^th^ their families, and all other priviledged persons of the said Universitie, to exercise anie kind of marchandizes, and buy and sell any thinge that is to be bought and sould w^th^in y^e^ said Citie and suburbs, openlie and freelie, and by vertue of y^e^ said graunt to be exonerated from all contribucions, concord, payment or lycence for such libertie to be paid to y^e^ said Maior, Aldermen, Bailifs, or any minister or Comynaltie of the said Towne, and complayneth that their said libertie is interrupted and

denyed by y^e^ said Maior and others of their said Citie; whereto the said Citie answereth in effect as before, that their said graunt is contrarie to their liberties before that time to them graunted, w^ch^ allegacions being not found sufficient, it is thought lawefull and ordered that all y^e^ schollers, their servaunts, and ministers, and all other y^e^ said priviledged persons, should have and enioye y^e^ libertie and freedome above in this article by them claymed, in such manner and forme and so clearlie and freelie as by y^e^ charter above in this article rehersed, is to y^e^ said Universitie graunted, the said priviledged persons being talliable w^th^ scotte, lotte, and other charges as like occupiers, beinge free men of y^e^ said Citie, doe and ought lawfully to doe for y^e^ said marchandizes.

*Conusance of Plees, Schollers, &c., being parties.*

Item, where as well by charter of King Richard y^e^ 2^d^, bearing date the xv^th^ day of July, in the xiiij^th^ yere of his raigne, as also by a former charter of King Edward y^e^ First [a^o^ regni 18 artic. 1^o^], the Chancellor of y^e^ said Universitie claymeth conusance of all manner of plees personall, aswell of debts, accounts, and all other contracts and iniuries, as transgressions against y^e^ peace, misprisons, and all other accions personal w^th^in y^e^ said Citie of Oxford and y^e^ suburbs thereof, and all other places w^th^in y^e^ precincts of y^e^ said Universitie (felonie and mayme only excepted). And where allso y^e^ Chancello^r^ and Universitie by y^e^ said charter of Anno quarto decimo Henrici 8^i^, confirmed by Act of Parliament Anno tercio decimo Reginæ Elizabethæ, claime to bee Justices of Peace, and to doe all things therto apperteyninge w^th^in y^e^ said Citie and Universitie when anie maister, scholler, minister, or other priviledged is one of the parties. And that no justice nor judge in y^e^ presence or absence of y^e^ said kinge and his heires, Sheriff, Maior, or any minister whatsoever in such plees should intromitt themselves, &c. But that y^e^ said partie before y^e^ said Chancello^r^ and his successors, their commissaries and lieutenants only, shalbe corrected and punished in forme aforesaid. And complayneth that of late sundrie priviledged persons have bin called before y^e^ Maior and his brethren, and sundrie processes awarded out tending to y^e^ outlawrie of them. Wherunto forasmuch as y^e^ Citie maketh no sufficient answere, it is thought lawfull, convenient, and necessarie, and therefore ordered, that no scholler nor priviledged person shallbe sued or molested in y^e^ said Citie afore anie judges or justice there, but onlie in the courte of y^e^ Universitie aforesaid. And that all indictments, owtlawries, and proceedings against such schollers and priviledged persons contrarie to

y^e charters above expressed, heretofore had or hereafter to be had, are and shall be declared and taken as unlawfull, undulie and w^th^out warrant proceeding in and done against them.

*The Leete and y^e forme of keepinge thereof.*

Item, where the Chancello^r of y^e said Universitie clameth by prescription to keepe leets in the Guild hall of y^e said Cittie, and by y^e lettres patents of King Henry the 8^th^, bearing date y^e first day of Aprill, in the xiiij^th^ yeare of his raigne, that the said Chancello^r or his deputy at anie leet from thenceforth to be by them kept w^th^in the precincts of y^e said Universitie should make precepts to the ministers or minister of y^e said Universitie, and that they or one of them should have full power and authoritie from time to tyme to returne p^r^cepts, pannells, and attachments before the Chancello^r, and doe all and every thinge and things as the kings ministers are wont and ought w^th^in the realme of England, and all those things w^ch^ belonge or ought to belong to the said view of franckpledge. And complayneth that when they would have kept their leet and executed other points of their priviledge accordinglie, the Maior and Baylifes shutt the Guildhall dore, and would not suffer them to enter nor keepe their leet there as was accustomed. In answere whereto for that y^e said Citie denieth not the prescription and charter aforesaid, nor the said leet as is aforesaid, but saye that the custome likewise is that the precepts for returning of y^e juries that should inquire in the aforsaid leet should be directed to the Baylifes of the said Citie, and all the estreats saving for correccion of thassise of bread, wyne, ale, putrified fish and flesh, regrators, forestallers, should be delivered to them to be levyed to the use of the said Citie and the citizens, not to be empaneled w^th^ forriners, nor no officer to execute anie processe w^th^in the said Citie other than the Baylifes thereof; w^ch^ because the said Universitie would not allowe they would not lett them enter into the Guildhall (as is aforesaid), as the said Citie alledge. But nowe to the intent that all offences in the leet may be the more effectually and indifferently presented and punished, it is thought convenient and so ordered that the said Universitie shall keep their leete in the Guildhall aforesaid, as hath bin accustomed, and as in the said charter is mencioned, saving that they shall make two præcepts for summoning of two juries to inquire therein, the one to the officers of the Universitie, the other to the Baylifes of the Citie, and they to returne two severall juries to be severally sworne and to make severall inquisicions there, and the estreats and amerciaments of such leets to be gathered by such

officers and to such use as heretofore hath bin accustomed, w$^{th}$out interruption or disturbance hereafter of the said Citie or anie other by their meanes.

*The Cities pretended Corporation of Brewers abrogated.*

Item, whereas well by charter of King Edward the Third, bearing date the xxvij day of June, in the xxj$^{th}$ yeare of his reigne, as by Act of Parliament made in the xij yeare of the raigne of Edward the Fourth, the Chancellor of the said Universitie, his commissarie and lieuetenant, hath and ought to have wholy and soly the custody of thassise of bread, ale, and wine, together w$^{th}$ y$^{e}$ punishment and correction of all offenders, and the fynes, yssues, and commodities thereuppon risinge, yeldinge and paying therefore yearly in the Queenes highnes Court of Exchequor as by y$^{e}$ said charter and Act of Parliament may appear; And farther, where the brewers of the Citie of Oxford have latly procured to themselves a p$^{r}$tended corporacion or societe, and sundrie newe lawes and ordinaunces touching the same, to the manifest derogacion of the liberties of the said Universitie, especiallie for that the Chancellor by assent of the convocacion hath authoritie to make societies or corporations, namelie touching victellers and sundrie others, as appeareth by y$^{e}$ said charter of King Henrie y$^{e}$ 8$^{th}$, w$^{ch}$ said p$^{r}$tended corporacion or societe of the brewers newlie devised to the disturbance of the liberties of the Universitie, is and hath bin one of the chief and originall cause of this variance and strife betwixt the Universitie and Citie. It is thought convenient and necessarie, and therefore ordered, that the said newe booke or devise of the societe of the brewers, conteyninge sundrie newe lawes and ordinances, to be brought and cancelled before the Chancello$^{r}$ or his commissarie w$^{th}$out delaie, and declared from hencforth to be void.

*The Disorder and Disturbance of the Leete by y$^{e}$ Citie.*

Item, where the late Baylifes of the said Citie disorderedlie did shut the Guilde hall doare against the Commissarie, Doctors, Proctors, and Regents of the Universitie, they intending and comminge thither to keep their leet for the Queenes Ma$^{ts}$ service where the Chancellor and his Commissarie allwaies heretofore have kept leets there; and allso where in the late time of Queene Mary there was a decree made by the Lords of the Councell in y$^{e}$ Starre Chamber, that in the like affaires of the Universitie the Guildhall should be set open to the Chancello$^{r}$ or his Commissarie, under the payne of twoo hundred pounds; it is thought good and ordered that the same

decree and custome be hereafter observed, upon paynes therein limited. And for the disorder lately committed in not suffering the Commissarie, and others aforesaid, to keep the leete in the said Guildhall as they were accustomed, their lordships, upon condition that y^e^ said Maior and Bailifs shall willingly and obediently observe all such orders as be here set downe, do thinke convenient that the said Universitie doe remitt the said forfeiture of twoo hundred pounds for this tyme only, otherwise to be at libertie to prosecute the said paine according to the lawe and justice.

All and singular w^ch^ orders their lordships will to be regestred here in the booke of her Ma^ties^ Privie Councell, and two duplicats thereof to be signed by the Lords of the Councell, to be after inserted among y^e^ records of y^e^ said Universitie and Citie, straightly willing and charging in her Mat^s^ name all and singular persons as well of y^e^ Universitie as Citie, to obey and observe the same humbly and dutifully, as they and every of them will upon her Ma^ts^ indignacion and theire owne perills answer to y^e^ contrary.

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| N. Bacon. | W. Burgley. | E. Lincoln. | H. Arundell. |
| A. Warwick. | F. Bedford. | R. Lecester. | F. Knolls. |
| Jamys Croft. | T. Smith. | Fra. Walsingham. | R. Sadler. |
| Wa. Myldmay. | | | |

Comittees by y^e^ Lords appointment :—

Roger Manwood. Robart Monson. Will. Gerrard. Tho. Bromley.

This controversie beganne in the end of Septemb., in the tyme of the Maioralitie of Roger Huett, and is delivered by y^e^ appoyntment of y^e^ Lords ordered as abovesaid y^e^ 12 of Maye, 1575, in the Mayoraltie of Roger Taylor. EDW. TREMAYNE.

*Twyne*, v. 333[65].

1575, June 7. *Suites in the Star Chamber.*

William Noble, a troublesome townesman in Q. Elizabeth's time, and discommoned in y^e^ great discordes betwixt y^e^ Universitie and y^e^ Towne about y^e^ 17 of her reigne, sued certayne schollers of Oxford in the Starre Chamber, for what causes I knowe not. But a little after y^e^ hearinge, before the Lords of y^e^ Counsell, which was in Maye, 1574, y^e^ next yere after, viz. 7 June, 1575, in a convocation then held, amonge other thinges it was thus decreed: Deinde visum est convocationi ut commissarius literas suas scribat ad custodem magni sigilli, et ad Dominum Thesaurarium Angliæ, pro relaxatione scholarium a camera stellata, ad sectam Gulielmi Noble.

*Twyne*, xiv. 153.

[65] These orders are entered in the Registers of the Privy Council; the above is printed from Twyne's transcript.

1575, June 17. *The S^rveyors of the Banks about the Sowthe Brydge and upward.*

Yt ys also agreed at thys Counsell that theise persons undernamed, or the more parte of them, shall s^rvey the banks and stoppings of the waters aboute Sowthe bridge and upwardes, and they to sertyfye thys howse of the annoyances that they fynd at the next Counsell.

M^r. Alderman Tylcocke.
M^r. Richard Wylliams.
The two Baylyffs for the yeare.
M^r. Tovye.
M^r. Bennett.
M^r. Furnes.
The two Chamberlens for the yeare.
And Dennys Hycks. A. 187.

1575, July 12. *Thomas Wylson, a Leas graunted..*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that Thomas Wylson, musycyon, shall have a leas of the pece of voyde grounde on the sowthest parte of the brydge of Trylmyll bowe, being xx^ti fote square, from Mychaelmas next to xlj yeares, for ij^s yearely rent, uppon condycion that he buylde a suffycyent howse for habytacion uppon the same w^thin iij of the fyrst yeares, to be coveryed w^th slatt, and to make a dore into the strete forth of the same, and that he shall make yt a severall tenement from the howse adioyning, and not to make any waye forthe of the same into the other said howse adioynyng.

A. 187.

1575, Sept. 12. *Stewards for the Eleccion Dynner.*

Yt ys agreed att thys Counsell that M^r. James Almont, M^r. Tarleton, and M^r. Edges, be stewardes of the hall, and have the correcion and ordering and plasing in the hall att the eleccion dynner next.

A. 188 b.

1574-5. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Roger Taylor, Mayor; Robert Rychardson and Sylvester Kytchyn, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1574, *to the same feast,* 1575.

Philip Cooles.
Richard Coxe, late app. of Thomas Daye.
William Adams, skynner, by purchase.
William Hurst, smyth.
Dionisius Colman, goldsmyth.
Edward Knight, late app. of Thomas Gyles, taylor.
George Janson, merser, by purchase.

Thomas Dennys, taylor, by purchase.
Robert Chapman, taylor, by purchase.
John Bankes, taylor, by purchase.
Thomas Mondaye, mercer.
Philip Gybson.
Fulk Dyke, late app. of John Wayte, haberdasher.
John Brushe, late app. of Mary Mathewe, merser.
Thomas, eldest son of Edward Wylson, bocher.
Thomas Bonham, late app. of Richard Whyttinton, Alderman and merser.
Rowland Barber, late app. of William Asheley, glover.
Ralph Hopkyns, bocher, by purchase.
John Hyll, late app. of John Susmythe, glasyer.
William Shawe, taylor.
William Borton, cowper.

1574-5. *The Accounts of Robert Rychardson and Sylvester Kytchin, late Chamberlains; 17 Eliz^th^, ending Mich.*, 1575.

Imprimis, payed to the Quenes beareward . . . x^s^
Item, payed for charges bestowed uppon M^r^. Gasquyner the Quenes post master . . . . . xxij^d^
Item, payed to M^r^. Spenser for wyne that was bestowed of the stewerde at the Quenes removing . . . v^s^
Item, payed for wyne geven when the gentylmen of the shyre weare heare w^th^ their greate horses . . . ij^s^ viij^d^
Item, payed for a payre of gloves that was geven unto my Lord Dallawars sonn . . . . . v^s^

*The Charges bestowed on the daye of the change of the Quenes Maiesties Raigne.*

Inprimis, payed to a precher . . . . x^s^
Item, for wyne and cakes . . . . . v^s^ vj^d^
Item, payed for two quarter of ale . . . . vij^s^ iiij^d^
Item, payed for dozen of breade . . . . iiij^s^
Item, payed to the waytes . . . . . v^s^

*Audit Book*, p. 118.

1575, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Tylcocke.

*Bailiffs*, William Houghe, Stephen Ewen.
*Chamberlains*, Henry Wylkinson. Hugh Boydon.

*Common Council.*
John Clarke.
Roger Baker.
Richard Lloyde.

Oct. 10. A. 189 b.

*Alderman*, William Levins. *M.P.*, Francis Knoles [66].

1575, Nov. 3. *Comytting of certen Shoemakers to Prison.*

Yt ys ordered and agreed att thys Counsell that William Aldeworthe, William Fernesyde, Thomas Cossam, James Toldervey, and

[66] In room of his brother Edward, deceased.

William Williams, showmakers of thys Citie, be commytted to the pryson of Bochardo as by the comandement of thys howse, and theire to remayne untyll they humblye submytt themselves and confesse theire greate contumacye and dysobedyens w^ch^ they have commytted agaynst M^r^. Mayor and the state of thys Cytie. And untyll they brynge into thys howse theire two severall bookes of ordynaunce confirmed by the Justice of Assises, to be sene and perused by thys howse in what poynts they be repugnant to the lyberties of thys Cytie or oppressyve unto the citysens thereof, and that the forsaid William Aldeworthe, William Fearnesyde, be from hensforth dyscharged and put from the worshippfull companye and socyetie of thys howse. A. 191.

1575, Dec. 13. *Those that are lycensed to sell Wynes.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell, the former lycenses of thys Cytie for selling of wynes, shalbe and remayne repealed by thys acte. And that M^r^. Cogan, M^r^. Noble, M^r^. Spenser shall have their lycenses from thys Cytie, and under the seale of thys Cytie, for the selling of wynes in thys Cytie according to the forme of the Statute. A. 191 b.

1575, Dec. 29. *For the Towne Seale to M^r^. Cogans and M^r^. Nobles Lycenses for Wyne* xiij^s^ iiij^d^.

Receved at thys Counsell for the Towne seale to M^r^. Cogan and M^r^. Noble lycenses to sell wyne xiij^s^ iiij^d^.

*M^r^. Spenser released of the Fee for hys Lycence.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that in consyderacion of Godes visitacion uppon M^r^. Spensers howse, he ys released frelye of the fee for the Towne Seale to hys lycens to sell wyne.

*M^r^. Frauncis Knolls chosen Burges.*

Yt ys also agreed at thys Counsell that M^r^. Fraunc's Knolls, the sonne of S^r^ Frauncis, shalbe chosen Burges to thys parlement in place of hys brother Edward, late decessed in Ireland, so soone as the said M^r^. Frauncis shall have taken hys othe to the lyberties of thys Cytie. And that M^r^. Edges and M^r^. Hanson have auctoritie from thys howse by Letters to admitt the said M^r^. Fraunces Knolls to the fredome of thys Cytie, and to geve hym hys othe.

A. 191 b.

1575/6, Jan. 19. *Those that are appoynted to confere w^th^ M^r^. Case for the Schole Howse.*

Yt ys agreed att thys Counsell that M^r^. Mondaye, M^r^. Pycover, M^r^. Hanson, the two Chamberlens for the yeare, M^r^. Rowe, William Tyllyarde, and Rychard Bryan shall confere w^th^ M^r^. Case as towching the place for a schole, and the order and rate of teaching of ffremens chyldren, and to make reporte of theire doings and opynyon theirein att the next Counsell heare holden. A. 192.

*No more to be putt into Brydewell.*

Yt ys also agreed att thys Counsell that theire shall not be any more putt into Brydewell to be theire founde from hensforth but by the specyall consent of thys howse.

1575/6, Feb. 14. *M^r^. Waytes Leas of the Churche and Garden in Brydwell.*

Yt ys agreed att thys Counsell that M^r^. Wayte shall have a lease of the churche of Brydwell and hys garden theire, w^che^ he nowe holdethe, from the feast of thannuncyacion of o^r^ Ladye next to the end ..... of xxj yeares then next following, for xxvj^s^ viij^d^ of ..... and the Cytie to repayre yt nowe at the fyrst entrye..... And then M^r^. Wayte to maynteyne and repayre the ..... yt well repayred, and M^r^. Wayte to be dyscharged of ..... rent dewe at Mydsomer next, saving hys porcion of the .....

*M^r^. Tarletons Leas of a pece of Cloyster of Brydwell.*

Yt ys also agreed att thys Counsell that M^r^. Tarleton shall have a lease of the pece of the cloyster of Brydwell, w^ch^ he nowe holdethe, from o^r^ Ladye day next to xxj^tie^ yeares, for ij^s^ a yeare rent.

*Lease of the Garden behind Brydwell.*

Yt ys also agreed at thys Counsell that M^r^. Rychard Williams and hys wyffe shall have a leas of the great garden behynde the Brydewell churche, from oure Ladye daye next unto xxj^tie^ yeares, yf they lyve so longe, for the yearelye rent of xxvj^s^ viij^d^.

*Lease of a Garden Ground in Brydwell.*

Yt ys agreed att thys Counsell that M^r^. Barnard Arche .... a leas of that garden grounde and a pece of the cloyster ..... hathe in Brydwell, from o^r^ Ladye daye next to xxj ..... iiij^s^ of yearelye rent. A. 192.

1575/6, March. *The University and William Noble to be cited before the Privy Council.*

A lettre to Mr. Atturney and Mr. Sollicitor, or any one of them, that where they have ben heretofore acquainted wth the controversie and order betwene them of the Universitie of Oxford and one Wm. Noble, the same strife not yet ended, they be required to call both parties before them, and to ende it if they can, or els to informe what in iustice may be doune. *Privy Council Registers*, p. 445.

1575/6, March 22. *Demyssyng owt of or Cowrt for bringing the Universitie Seale.*

Also yt ys agreed and inacted att thys Counsell that whatsoever person, being free of thys Cytie, that shall at any tyme heareafter bringe into the corte of thys Cytie any seale or half seale of thys Universitie, to remove any matter of shewte commensed in any corte of thys Cytie by any person being ffree theireof, shall *ipso facto* lose theire fredome, dygnytie, and place in thys Cytie, and from thensforthe shalbe accompted as no freman or cytizen theireof. A. 192 b.

1576, April 3. *Freemen not to be charged wth the Twesdayes Sermon.*

Yt ys also agreed at thys Counsell, by thys howse, that the free men of thys Cytie shall not be chargeable to the contribucion of the Tewesdayes sermon, but of theire owne devocion. A. 193.

1576, May 12. *A Leas to Mr. Alderman Whyttington and William Asheley of the Dounghyll in Broken Heyse.*

Yt ys also agreed at thys Counsell that Mr. Alderman Whyttington and William Asheley shall have a leas of the dounghyll nowe lying betwene Sympsons garden and Mr. Ravenings ground for xijd a yeare, for xxjti yeares, wt a proviso to maynteyn the common watercorse throwghe the same that cometh forthe of the Cytie, and to permytt others that have theire pryvate water corses to repayre them at theire owne charges, and contynewe them in the same grounde; and that yt be suffycyentlye enclosed wth suffycyent moundes, as hyghe as the mounde on eache syde nowe, before the feast of Alsaynts next, and so maynteyne the same mounde.

A. 193 b.

*Robert Rychardson to have the Game of the Swannes.*

Yt ys further agreed at thys Counsell that Robert Rychardson shall have the game of swanns of thys Cytie for three fatt swannes

thys yeare and fower everye yeare after, to the terme of xxj$^{tie}$ yeares, yf he lyve so longe, and to leave vj olde swannes at the least at the ende of the said terme. A. 193 b.

1576, June 1. *For taking the newe Othe to the Universitie.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that what soever person that att any tyme hearetofore hathe taken, or att any tyme hereafter shall take, the newe othe to the Universitie, that ys, that they shall not take the Mayo$^{r}$ of thys Cytie for hys judge, that then every suche person, being of thys worshippfull howse, shalbe dyscharged of the same howse, and have hys hedd crossed heare. A. 193 b.

1576, June 4. *Letter from the Earl of Leicester to the University upon the Cause of Bennet* versus *Wayte.*

To my lovinge freindes y$^{e}$ Vice-Chancellor and y$^{e}$ Convocation of Thuniversitie of Oxford,

After my harty commendacions. The Mayor and Aldermen of y$^{e}$ Cittie of Oxford have complayned to S$^{r}$ Franc. Knowllys, their steward, and he to me, that two cittizens of theirs, Bennett and Wayte, havinge sued one y$^{e}$ other in y$^{e}$ Mayors Court, and both interpleaded together to the poynt of judgement, yet longe after the sute commenced, Wayte y$^{e}$ defendant procured himselfe to be priviledged in thUniversitie, and in the latter ende of Lent last brought in to y$^{e}$ Towne Court y$^{e}$ Universitie seale chalenginge theirby himselfe, and y$^{e}$ determination of his cause to the Universitie. Whereuppon Bennett since that time hathe brought to y$^{e}$ Mayor three severall writts, *de procedendo ad judicium*, whereby the Mayor and Bayliffes doo stande in this case; that if they shall obey y$^{e}$ Queenes Ma$^{ties}$ writtes, and proceed to judgement, y$^{e}$ Universitie will impeach them of their othes and breach of their priviledges: if they doe not procede they shalbe punished and make fyne for contemninge her Ma$^{ties}$ writtes. And therefore in this case, thinkinge noe lawe nor reason to beare, that Wayte by answeringe and enterpleadinge in that court, havinge submitted himself to y$^{e}$ authoritie thereof should by a priviledge fallen so longe after frustrate their proceedinge. I have requested that some order by my meanes maye be taken in y$^{e}$ matter for their quietnes, as well in this nowe as in others, if any y$^{e}$ like shall so fall out hereafter; wherein as I woulde be lothe your priviledges in any poynt should be impeached, so yet in this case beinge of opinion y$^{t}$ it is against bothe lawe and reason, y$^{t}$ your priviledge gotten so longe after should exempt Wayte from his then

ordinarie jurisdiction, and that Court to y^e authoritie whereof he had in y^e selfe same sute so longe submitted himselfe, not well likinge that in such case and to such ende you should admitt any man to y^e priviledge, I have thought good to requyre you to consider all y^e matter, and either by remittinge Wayte to his former jurisdiction (if the p^rmisses of the townesmen's complaynt be true), or by some quiet order to make an ende of y^e matter, or if you have just cause (w^ch I knowe not) to deale otherwise, to certifie me thereof, that I maye accordingely give answer. So fare you hartilie well. From the Court y^e 4^th of June, 1576.

Your lovinge freinde and Chancello^r,
R. LEYCESTER.

*Twyne*, xiv. 125.

1576, June 10. *None to be elected Mayo^r but out the Aldermen.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that the eleccion of the Mayraltie of thys Cytie shalbe from hensforthe only amongest the Aldermen of thys Cytie, and no further, neythe^r amoungest the resydewe of the assocyats, nor others of lower degree.

*The Mayor to have allowance of hys Chardges, xxj^li.*

Yt is also agreed at thys Counsell that the Mayo^r of thys Cytie from hensforthe shall have in allowaunce of hys charges of Mayraltie xxj^li of lawfull money, to be payed by the Chamberlens of thys Cytie in manner and forme following, that ys to saye, when he goeth to take hys othe v^li, and at every quarter daye after iiij^li.

*None of the Aldermen to refuse to be Mayo^r uppon payne of x^li.*

Yt is further agreed at thys Counsell that yf any Alderman of thys Cytie shalbe at any tyme hereafter chosen to the offyce of the Mayor of thys Cytie, that then he so chozen shall not refuse to serve in the same offyce uppon payne of forfeture of x^li to the use of thys Cytie.

A. 194.

1576, July 3. *John Woodson's Leas.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that John Woodson shall have a leas of the tenement in the paryshe of S^t. Thomas, *alias* S^t. Nycholas, whearein John Munte last and late dwelled in, and w^ch M^r. Howell gave to the Mayo^r and Commonaltie of thys Cytie to the use of the Trynitie men, to holde from the feast of S^t. John Baptist last past for xxj^ti yeares for the yearelye rent of xxvj^s viij^d, to be payed quarterlye to the Mayor of the said Cytie for the tyme being, to be

imployed to the use aforsaid, and also to repayre the same tenement from tyme to tyme, and to leve yt repayred and tenaunteable, and also to have in the same leas the water called Wareham of the backesyde of the said tenement, during the yeares to com, in the leas of the same water called Wareham aforsaid. A. 194 b.

1576, Aug. 6. *For Stopping of the Water to the House of Office in Ruley.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that the water corse going to the howse of offyce of Ruley shalbe staked and stopped uppe at the chardges of thys Cytie, by the oversight and appoyntment of the myll masters, and thys Cytie to save them harmles. A. 194 b.

1576, Aug. 30. *Myslyking of any Acte heretofore or heareafter to be made.*

Yt ys also agreed at thys Counsell that yf any person or persons shall have cause or doe myslyke w^th^ any acte or order hereafter or hearetofore made and agreed uppon by thys howse, that then he shall complayne to the Mayor and Aldermen of thys Cytie, and not els wheare, and then theireuppon shalbe a Counsell then presentlye holden for the decyding of the same matter. A. 195.

1576, Sept. 3. *The Ansure of a Letter sent by S^r^ Frauncis Knolls, Knyght.*

Yt ys agred at thys Counsell that a certen letter dyrected to M^r^. Mayor from the Right honorable S^r^ Fraunces Knolls ys to be aunsured by the body of thys Cytie, therefore yt ys thys daye ordered that the said letter shalbe consydered of by Master Mayo^r^ and certen others, and by theire advise fullye answered. A. 195 b.

1576, Sept. 14. *Noe Person to beare the Office of a Bayliffe two yeares togethers.*

Yt ys agreed a[t] thys Counsell that no person of thys Cytie shalbe at any tyme hereafter chosen to the office of Balywyk of the same Cytie two yeares togethers. A. 196.

1575-6. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Tylcock, Mayor; Henry Wilkinson, and Hugh Boydon, Chamberlains. From Michaelmas,* 1575, *to the same feast,* 1576.

Augustus Gammon, late app. of William Forrest, smyth.

William Tomson, shomaker.

Thomas Heathe, blackesmythe.

John Symes, late app. of William Payne, taylor.
Robert Fearnesyde, showmaker.
Thomas Hunfeylde, late app. of Richard Flaxney, chaundler.
Thomas Daye, late app. of William Tompson, showmaker.
William Wospe, late app. of Hugh Wryght, cowper.
Ralph Flaxney, butcher.
William Cakeberd, late app. of William Pycover, tayler.
Rice Frewen.

p. 3 b.

1575-6. *The Accounts of Henry Wilkinson and Hughe Boyden, late Chamberlains; 18 Eliz.*

Inprimis, payed to the Quenes bearewarde . . . x$^{s}$
Item, for the fee of a wrytt for the chosing of the Burges in the place of M$^{r}$. Edward Knols . . . . vij$^{s}$ ij$^{d}$
Item, payed for the carryage of two letters, one to the Lord Norrys and the other to M$^{r}$. Owen, beinge bothe at the Parliament . . . . . xij$^{d}$
Item, payed to the Earle of Sussex players . . . v$^{s}$
Item, payed for a locke and a staple for the cage . . xiiij$^{d}$
Item, payed to Phillipp Coles for wryting the dystresses we dyd take . . . . . vj$^{d}$
Item, payed to Marks for playing on the drowm . . iiij$^{d}$

*Audit Book*, p. 127.

1576, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Thomas Willyams.

*Bailiffs*, { Richard Browne, Robert Richardson.
*Chamberlains*, { Rob. Allen, Richard Bryan.

*Common Council.*
Thomas Cossam.
Roger Sydnam.
Thomas Mondye.

Aug. 2. *Town Clerk*, John Hollwaye, M.A.

[1576.] *Complaint made by Christ Church against the City for injuries to Oseney Mills.*

To the Right Honerable the Lord Norreys and the worshippfull Commyssioners of Shewers for the Countie of Oxon and Barks.

Wheareas the Maior and Burgesses of Oxon do stande so muche uppon theire excessive gayne of theire mylles, and uppon theire right and royaltie of the Thames about Oxford (w$^{ch}$ theye pretend to have), that they do decaye all the reast of the mylles aboute the Cytie for want of water, and have no regard what iniurie and losse they do daylie offer unto theire neighbours by stoppinge of the water

coursses yssuinge out of the common Thames, whearebye the countrye is drowned in winter and dried upp in sommer, we are enforced to make our humble suite unto you, after many yeares oppression, for the redresse of theise annoyances followinge.

1. Inprimis, the said Maior and Burgesses have shute up a water course issuynge out of the common Thames, and runnynge throughe Sydelings, the Towne waste, nowe by them inclosed and made severall, wch water course dyd in tymes past past to Hincksey, and nowe beinge dammed upp for the betteringe of the said grounde of Sydlings, wch they have lett out for a yearelye rent, no passingers cane go that waye, and the wonted streame whearewth the mylles of Osney and Hincksey weare holpen in summer ys utterlie taken awaye, and turned downe to the Castle mylles, and so the countrye aboute ys drowned in the winter season.

2. Item, the said Cytie dothe suffer the Thames togeather a great hurst or banck betweene the said Sydlings and Crypplet, to tourne the water course from Osney mylls and Hincksey to theire owne mylles, whearby the countrie ys nowe more drowned in the winter season then ever yt was.

3. Item, the said Cytie dothe everie sommer, and most part of the winter, make a damme overtwhart the Theames neare Rewly Locke, whearby they do stoppe the common water course in weake streame to the weke, and do thearby not onlie penne away the water in sommer, but also drowne the countrie in winter.

4. Item, the said Cytie dothe commonlie in sommer lawne the one halfe of the Thames, leavinge the other halfe undone, thearebye to geather a bancke in the Thames over against Rewly, so to kepe the water from thence and other places, and to drowne the countrie in winter.

5. Item, the said Cytie have shutt up a locke neare unto theare milles, wch was made to ease the countrie in great flouds, and to drawe awaye the water; but they, fyndinge the same to be hurtfull unto theire mylles by reason of the backe water, have shutt up the same, and do not open it wynter nor sommer, wheare the countrie in winter ys drowned.

6. Item, the said Cytie hathe made out a bancke over against Rewley walkes further into the Thames then was accustomed, wch turnethe the course of the water in winter and sommer, and spoyleth the said walkes of Rewley.

7. Item, the said Cytie have this yeare made a sluise in a bancke neare unto Rewley whall, wheare theare was any such thinge, so as the housse and grounds of Rewley must nedes be drowned in winter, when any flude shall come, as they were the last yeare, by the de-

fault of the said Cytie in not meakinge up the said bancks, throught wch the mayne Thames did breake in, all the winter season.

8. Item, the said Cytie dothe suffer the flaggs of the Thames, beinge cutte by them, to come into Rewley in greate heapes, wheareby the water ys taynted, and the diches fylled up theire wth, and the water course wch passethe from Rewley into St. Thomas parishe ys eyther stopped up or els the water poysoned, wheareby the parishe of St. Thomas ys more subiect to sicknes then all the parisshes about Oxford, by reason of the noysome savours wch come from theire dyches, being drye, or by the unwholesome water wch the Cytie have poysoned wth the ffylthe of theire flaggs.

9. Item, the streame behinde Oseney ys so floundred up that the water cannot passe in winter, as hearetofore hit hathe done, beinge a greate watercourse, and so the countrie ys the soner drowned.

10. Item, the dyches uppon bothe sydes of the foote waye to Lawrence Hincksey are so floundred up wth flaggs and fylth, that the water hathe not his passage at Wincklesgate, but the streame ys theare so greate, that passingers cannot passe to and fro wthowt the helpe of a boate, and wthout greate danger of theire lives, in the winter season. *City Records.*

1576. *The Answer of the Maior and Bayliffs of the Citie of Oxon to the Articles exhibited by the Deane and Cannons of Christ Church, in Oxon, touching the Waters about Rewley.*

The said Maior and Bayliffs sayen that the right and royaltie of the ryver of Thamys wthin their liberties is their owne, in the right of her Maties, as parcell of the fee farme of the said Citie, and that they seeke no gayn by their mylles but such as of good right is due unto them; that the sayd Deane and Channons wold be suer to have if the case were their owne wthowt that; that they do not dekaye any other mylles abowt Oxon., or stoppe any ryvers, but that thear is sufficient water to passe unto them, according to orders set downe.

The dyche, tearmed to be a water course, through Sydlings, hath bene stopped by the viewe and order of the Commissioners of Sewers as unnecessarie, and water, at all tymes sufficient by other streames, left to Oseney, by lyke order sett downe; any other things in this article materiall is untrue.

That hurst or bancke is of hard, and some gravell, wchever hath bene wthowt that, that hit is gathered for any such purpose.

The damme by Rewlie lock is not of any such height to do any annoyance in wynter, wch is also yearlie washed awaye, and hit is for the greater benefyte of Oseney mylles to torne the water thither as

otherwise, for w^eh cause the sayd Deane and Cannons are not justlie provoked to complayne; butt the same Maior and Bayliffs do purpose to make a were uppon the said ryver, and to lett the same be open in winter, according to the order last sett downe by the Commission of Sewers.

The Citie doth lawne so much of the ryver as is necessarie for the passage of the ryver w^thowt that, that they leave any such place to gather banck agaynst Rewlie.

The locke is lawded and allowed by the Commyssioners of Sewers always to stand at a certen height, and in wynter the water fomyth over.

The banck made is not so farre by two yardes as hit hath bene, tyme owt of mynde, as appearyth by the olde postes thear standyng, and hit was ordered to be done by the Commission of Sewers, and is yearlie to be repayred, for that the water washyth hit away in wynter.

This article is pennyd to shewe the skyll of the writer rather then for any iniurie commytted. If in night or daye, wynter or sommer, by water or land, at home or abrode, the Maior and Bayliffs, their servaunts, their dogges, do kyll, hurt, take awaye or spoyle any thing of the tenaunts, or hurt his grasse, but onlie in treading the pathes to the locks, uppon proufe made for the losse of everie groat the Maior and Bayliffs offer to paye xij^d w^thowt that, that the Maior and Bayliffs ever refused to make recompence for any damage susteyned by hym.

Tyme owt of mynde hit hath bene used in a scarcitie of water that the myllers shold come and shutt downe those fludgates if they were drawen, and to stope them or damme before them if necessitie required, albehit the tenaunt takyth uppon hym to drawe or shutt them when he lysteth, and sayth he may do w^th his gates what he will, as appearyth this sommer, whearein the greatest lock he penned the water but one foote deepe, and suffered the water to come over eight inches when hit was lowest, that the Castell mylls cold not goe.

The Mayer and Bayliffs have stopped a sluce in a wall theare, whearby the water had greate passage towards Rewlie, and have made a lawsh yate of reasonable height for passage of water in wynter, for benefyte of the contrye, w^thowt hurt to the tenaunt of Rewlie. The tenaunte by suffering so great and swyft course of water to passe by his locks drawyth some flagges owt of the mayne streame unto his locks, agaynst the wyll of the Maior and Bayliffs, albehit thear is so such hurt as he pretendyth. But the Mayer and Bayliffs do offer to put stakes in the ryver to kepe away those flagges if the tenaunt will suffer hit.

They seeke not to have the water course to be taken away, but to

be reasonably used w^th^owt so much injurie to them and their mylles. As for the parishe of St. Thomas, the tenaunt pretendyth greater care of them then he hath in dede. For the greatest passage of that water to them is floudered in the tenaunts owne grounde, and forced abowt an orchard and ground of his for safegard thearof, and so romyth not in their dytches but passeth under ..... bridge to little or no profytt unto them. *City Records.*

1576, Oct. 3. *Orders sett downe at Oxon on Wensday the thirde of October, 1576, videlt.*

A streame fallinge under an arche of stone w^th^in Rewlye, nere Oxford, is to be penned by the Deane and Channons of Christ Churche in Oxford, and theire tennaunts at theire usiall places, that the Queenes Ma^ties^ mylls at Oxford maye have frome tyme to tyme sufficient water for any hinderaunce to be done other wise by them or any of them. And that yf hit shall happen the lokes there to be pulled uppe att any tyme when the mylls shall wante water, that hit shalbe lawfull for the Mayo^r^ or Bayliffs and theire successors to shutt upp agayne the same fludgates. And that frome thenceforthe the said Mayo^r^ and Bayliffs, or any other Townsman, maye or shall not make any dammes any wheare in the same streame to hinder the passage and course of the waters theare.

A lock called Rewley lock is to be repayred by Christchurche in Oxford, accordinge to a compossion theareof made.

A bracke betwixte two sydelings called the greate and little sydlings to be dammed uppe by the Mayo^r^, Bayliffs, Burgesses, and theire successors of the Cytie of Oxford.

M^d^, if the tennaunte of Rewley aforesaid can prove by goode proffe tyme owte of mynde of man, that he hathe had his grystes grounde tolle free at the Quenes Ma^ties^ mylls there, that then he shall have it so still performed.

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| Henrye Norreis. | James Braybrok. | Willm. Moore. |
| John Fettiplace. | Edward Fetiplace. | Rychard Hid. |
| Edd. Wysman. | Christopher Brown. | John Lave. |

*Hannisters*, p. 423.

1576, Oct. 19. *Mr. Wood to have a rewarde.*

Yt ys further agreed at thys Counsell that Mr. Wood shalbe rewarded for hys fryndshipp shewed to thys Cytie in the Commyssyon of Sewers, as by M^r^. Mayo^r^, the Aldermen, and Assocyatts shalbe thoughte good. A. 198 b.

1576, Nov. 29. *Mr. Barkesdales Lease.*

Yt ys agreed at thys Counsell that Mr. Barkesdale shall have the banke on the sowthe syde of the ryver of Trylmyll bowe, from Lyttell Yeate brydge unto the next arche benethe, so muche theireof as ys nowe fyrme grounde, in leas of thys Cytie, ffrom thannuncyacion of or belsed (*sic*) Ladye next to the ende and terme of xxjtie yeares, for iiijd of yearelye rent, and he meynteyning that syde of the same ryver. A. 199.

1576, Dec. 15. *The Office of the Othe and the Excommunications of the Universitie.*

Yt ys ordered and agreed at thys Counsell that Mr. Todd and Mr. Owen shall travell to or steward and to the honorable Lordes of the Counsell in the affayres of thys Cytie, and at the charges of thys Cytie, towching the offer of the othe and excommunycacions of the Universitie, and other the busynesses of thys Cytie, and that William Holback shall attend uppon them; and yt ys agreed that the Key Kepers of thys Cytie shall delyver them xli in money for the charges in the said travell, and to be accompted for by them. A. 199 b.

1576/77, Jan. 5. *Going to my Lord of Lecester in the Cyties affayres.*

Yt is ordered and agreed at thys Counsell that Mr. Mayor, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Owen, shall travell in the affayres of thys Cytie unto my Lorde of Lecester and or stewarde at the charge of this Cytie, to reteyne suche learned counsell as they shall appoynte, suche srvytors to wayte uppon them as he shall thinke goode. A. 199 b.

1576/77, Jan. 15. *John Webbes Leas.*

Yt ys agreed at this Counsell that John Webbe brynying in and surrendryng Rychard Edges leas of the Austen fayre and of the howsing theire, shall have a new leas theireof of thys Cytie for xli fyne, for xltti yeares from thannuncyacion of or Ladye next, for suche covenants and rents as the said Rychard Edges nowe hathe the same, wth a proviso that the cytizens shall have theire shopps in the fayer tymes theire at suche rents as they payed at the last fayor theire, wthowt any further inhansemt or raysing of rents for any cytizens standing in the said fayre dureng thys lease, and that the same John Webbe shall enter suche further bonde for the dyscharge of thys Cytie as the said Richard Edges sholde have done for hys said leas. A. 200.

1577, May 6. *Letter from the Lords of the Privy Counsell touching the Differences with the University.*

A lettre to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Towne of Oxford. That where as it is complained on by the Universitee that contrary to orders heretofore taken betwene them by their LLs. for a finall and perfect amytie betwene them, they nevertheles refuse to take an othe acording to the orders as it is said, but sum of them continew ye sentence of excommunication proceded against them in that behalf. They are required either to see the said orders accomplished touching the othe when they shalbe called therunto by the Vicechauncellor or his deputie, or els the said Mayor and some of the Aldermen and Burgesses refusants to make their repaier hither to declare what lawfull causes they may have to the contrarye.

*Privy Council Registers*, p. 185.

1577, May 14. *Concerning Rowland Jenks.*

A lettre to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitor Generall that whereas there is one Jenks, a stacioner of Oxford, there detected for matters conteyned in certen articles wch they shall receve wth his and others his accusers examinacions. They are required to examyne him anew upon the said articles, and as they shall finde him culpable so to procede against him, according to the lawes of the realme provided in that behalf. *Privy Council Registers*, p. 191.

1577, May 18. *For Answering of the Refusall of the Universitie Othe.*

Yt ys ordered and agreed at this Counsell that Mr. Alderman Levins, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Owen shall attende upon Mr. Mayor at the charges of this Cytie before the honorable lordes of the Counsell, for the answering of the refusall of the othe unto the Universitie.

A. 200.

1577, May 26. *Appearance of Citizens before the Lords of the Counsell.*

This day, Thomas Williams, Mayor of the Citie of Oxon, William Levens, Alderman, Nicholas Todde, Mr. Owen, of the Citie aforesaid, appointed by order from their LLs. to make their repair hither to answer a certaine matter obiected againste them by the Universitie entered their apparaunce. *Privy Council Registers*, p. 193.

1577, May 26. *Disputes between the University and City referred to the Lords of the Privy Counsell.*

This day appearid before their LLs. Thomas Williams, Mayor of the Towne of Oxford, wth certen other Aldermen and Burgesses of the said place, acording to a lettre sent unto them from their LLs.,

bearing date the vij$^{th}$ of this present, and after some hearing of the matter in controversie betwene the Universitie of Oxford, M$^{r}$. Doctor Westfalling, Vice-Chauncello$^{r}$, and Doctor Floode, bein their also present on thone side, and the said Mayo$^{r}$, Aldermen, and certen inhabitants of the said Towne on thother side, touching an othe w$^{ch}$ they of the Universitee required to be made unto them by the Mayo$^{r}$ and Aldermen and certen Burgesses, as is alleadged according to their charters, and also certen former orders made by their LLs. betwene them in the yere of o$^{r}$ Lord God 1575, the xij$^{th}$ of May, w$^{th}$ the advice of M$^{r}$. Justice Manwoode, M$^{r}$. Justice Monson, and M$^{r}$. Attorney and Sollicitor Generall. It was for the tyme thought good and so ordered by their LLs. that lettres shold be written from their LLs. about the beginning of the next terme to the two Lords Chief Justices of both benches, requireing them in her Ma$^{ts}$ behalf that calling unto them the aforesaid two Justices and M$^{r}$. Attorney and Sollicitor Generall, or any three or two of them that may be conveniently present, they wold examine all such allegacions and proofes as are produced by both parties and their lernid Counsell, and thereupon to advertise their LLs. what they shall thinke mete to be ordered and doune herin acording to lawe and justice; and in the meane tyme forasmuch as it was declared by M$^{r}$. Vicechauncelor that they of the Towne had servid proces upon him out of the coo$^{r}$te of her Ma$^{ts}$ benche, it was thought convenient and so ordered by their LLs., and enioyned to the said Mayor and others then presente, that they shold surcease the prosecucion of any suche sewte commenced or to be commenced againste the said Universitee or any member of the same by reason of the said controversye in the said coo$^{r}$te of the Q. Benche or els where, untill they shold be otherwise licensed by their LLs. And whereas lickewise it was informed by the said Mayor and townesmen p$^{r}$sent that they of the Universitee had alredje excommunicated certen of the inhabitants of the said Towne w$^{ch}$ refused to make the othe as it was by them of the Universitee required, it was also thought mete and so ordered by their LLs. and enioyned unto M$^{r}$. Vicechauncelo$^{r}$, &c., that he shold absolve or cause to be absolved from the censure and sentence of excommunicacion as is aforesaid all and every such persons of the said Towne as have ben by them or at their procurement excommunicated for the matt$^{r}$ aforesaid, untill the whole controversie betwene them shalbe otherwise ordered by their LLs. And so were both parties for this tyme dismissed and willed to make their repaire up to London at the beginninge of the next terme, and then upon receipt of their LLs. letters before mentioned to attend upon the said LLs. Chief Justices, and not departe before they shalbe otherwise licensed here by their LLs. *Privy Council Registers*, 195.

1577, July 4. *The Black Assizes.*

[Rowland Jencks, a stationer of Oxford, was taken and conveyed away, his house searched for bulls, libels, and such like things against the Queen and the religion now established, and all his goods seized on. But after he had been examined at London, he was sent to Oxford again to be committed to prison, and stand to a trial the next Assizes following, and receive that punishment or doom which the judge should think equal to his crimes.

The Assizes therefore being come, which began the 4th July, and continued two days after in the court-house at the Castle-yard, the said Jencks was arraigned and condemned in the presence of a great number of people to lose his ears. Judgment being passed and the prisoner taken away, there arose such infectious damp or breath among the people, that many there present, to the apprehensions of most men, were then smothered, and others so deeply infected, that they lived not many hours after. Of which passages hear I pray what death partly says in a doleful ditty that was published about this time :—

"Thinke you on the solemne Sizes past
How sodenly in Oxfordshire
I came and made the judges all agast,
And justices that did appear;
And tooke both Bell and Baram away,
And many a worthy man that day,
And all their bodies brought to clay."

The persons that then died and were infected by the said damp, when sentence was passed, were Sir Robert Bell, Baron of the Exchequer, Sir Nich. Barham, Serjeant at Law, both stiff enemies to the R. Cath. Religion; Sir Rob. Doiley, Wenman, Danvers, Fettiplace, and Harcourt, Justices of the Peace; Kerle, Greenwood, Nash, and Forster, gentlemen; besides most of the Jury, with many others, that died within a day or two after. Above 600 sickened in one night, as a physician that now lived in Oxford attesteth; and the day after, the infectious air being carried into the next villages, sickened there an hundred more.

The 15, 16, and 17 day of July sickend also above 300 persons, and within 12 days space died an hundred scholars, besides many citizens. The number of persons that died in five weeks space, namely, from the 6 of July to the 12 of Aug. (for no longer this violent infection continue) were 300 in Oxford, and 200 and odd in other places; so that the whole number that died in that time were 510 persons, of whom many bled till they expired.]

*Wood's Annals.*

The following extract of a letter from Lord Burghley to the Earl of Shrewsbury relates to that event:—

4 *Aug.*, 1577.

MY VERY GOOD LORD,

I have receaved nothing of any moment from the courte at this tyme, otherwise then this of the mortallitie happened in Oxfordshire; wher ther are deade S^r^ Robert Doyly, and an uncle of his, M^r^. Danvers, of Banbury, M^r^. Wayneman, and the most parte of all the freehoulders that were at the Assises in Oxford; fiftie schollers and twenty townesmen are deade.

1577, Julie 4, 5, 6. *Hollinshed's Account of the Black Assize.*

The fourth, fift and sixt daie of Julie, the assises being holden at Oxford, there was arreigned and condemned one Rowland Jenkes for his seditious toong, at which time there arose amidst the people such a dampe that almost all were smouldered, verie few escaping that were not taken at that instant: iurors died presentlie, shortlie after died Sir Robert Bell, lord chiefe baron; Sir Robert de Olie; Sir William Babington; Master Wineman; Master de Olie, high shiriffe; Master Davers, Masster Harecombe, Master Kirle, Master Phetipace, Master Greenewood, Master Foster, Master Nash, Sergeant Baram, Master Stephens, &c. There died in the Town of Oxford three hundred persons, and sickened there but died in other places two hundred and od from the sixt of Julie to the twelve of August, after which daie died not one of that sicknesse, for one of them infected not an other, nor anie one woman or child died thereof. *Hollinshed*, iii. p. 1270.

1577, Aug. 2. *Hollwaye electus in Clericum.*

Athe same Counsayle, John Hollwaye, M^r^ of Arte, was made free of the said Citie, and elected Towne Clerke unto the same, and toke his severall othes, &c. A. 200 b.

1577, Aug. 9. *Orders for Clensinge the Common Waters.*

Yt is also agreed and ordered at this Counsayle as well by the whole Counsayle as by those that are freemen fishers, beinge then present at the same Counsayle. That all such freemen as do use to lay anie nett or other gynnes w^th^in any the common walters belonginge to this Cytie, shall frome this day in tyme to come scoure, clense, and dragge sufficientlie all the ryvers, water courses, and trenches w^th^in the same common walters at theyr charges. And that towardes the doinge of the same for this yeare the fisher-

men shall have the some of fortie shillinges alowed by this Cytie. And that Thomas Aungell, Dennys Hickes, John Woodson, and Robert Mounson shalbe doers and ov^r^seers to the same. A. 200 b.

1576-7. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Thomas Williams, Mayor; Robert Allen and Richard Bryan, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1576, *to the same feast,* 1577.

William Farmer, admitted for 6 Holbards or 30^s^ in money.
Edward Shearewyne, taylor.
John Bower, weaver.
John Elston, late app. of Mary Mathewe, merser.
John Wyams, late app. of John Phillipps, taylor.
Thomas Symes, weaver.
William Huckins, late app. of Richard Cakebred, smythe.
Humphrey Herbager, late app. of William Houghe, skynner.
Francis Robinson, late app. of Robert Muyson, plummer.
Richard Lambe, late app. of William Pycover, taylor.
John Cowper, late app. of Pierce Underhill, sadler.
Oliver Allen, late app. of William Fearnesyde, showmaker.
John Lloyde.
Richard Wells, taylor.
John Powell, taylor.
Thomas Barkesdale.
James, son of James Dodwell.
William Dodwell, late app. of Henry Dodwell, draper.

p. 5.

1576-7. *The Accounts of Robert Allen and Richarde Bryan, late Chamberlains; ending Mich.* 1577.

Inprimis, payed for a peare of gloves geven to the Counties of Essexe . . . . . x^s^
Item, geven to the Counties of Essex players in money and a bankett . . . . . xvj^s^
Item, payed to the Quenes ma^ties^ servaunte that kepeth her game of beres . . . . . vj^s^ viij^d^

1576-7. *The Accounts of William Levins, John Harteley, George Mondye, Rychard Crympton, and Robert Dawson, Keykeepers; ending Mich.* 1577.

Item, payed to Rychard Lloyde for hym and hys companyons for posting w^th^ the Quenes Ma^ties^ letters when she laye at Woodstocke . . . . . l^s^
Item, payed to M^r^. Edges when he went to S^r^ Fraunces Knolles hys sone to be burges . . . . . xx^s^
Item payed to M^r^. Taylor to bestowe uppon a gyfte for S^r^ Fraunces Knolles o^r^ steward . . . xiij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^
Item, payed for ij yeards and a quarter of brod clothe blewe to make sage gowne at 7^s^ . . . . xv^s^ ix^d^

Item, payed more for clothe to make hym a cape . . viij$^{d}$
Item, payed to M$^{r}$. Ravening for an ansyent booke app$^{r}$teyning to the Cytie . . . . . xx$^{s}$

1577, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Ralph Flaxney.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Thomas Rowe, Hugh Boyden. | *Common Council.* James Williams. John Webbe. James Rudd. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Peirce Underhill, William Asheley. | |
| July 31. *Aldermen*, | Richard Williams, sen$^{r}$ [67], Roger Taylor. | July 31, *Coroner*, Nicholas Todd. |

1577, Oct. 8. *The Delyvering in of the Wayts Scutchins.*

Att this Counsell came George Ewen and George Bucknall have delivered upp theire scutchins w$^{ch}$ theye hadd of this Cytie for to be theire Wayts. And they were at the same Counsell w$^{th}$ theire sureties dyscharged untill suche tyme as farther order shoulde be taken by the Counsell of this howse, and the scutchins are delyvered to the Keykepers. A. 203 b.

1577, Nov. 5. *Those that are appoynted to go to London in the Townes Busynes.*

Yt ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Alderman Williams the Towne Clarke and Phillippe Cooles shall ryde to London to prosecute thaffayres and matters in lawe of the Towne w$^{th}$ the Universitie at this next terme, at the charges of this Cytie. And to deale in all other matters w$^{ch}$ shalbe longe unto the Towne. A. 204 b.

*An Order for wearing of Gownes.*

Hyt ys furthermore agreed at this Counsell that at suche soleme meetings and feasts where the Mayor, the Aldermen, the Associats, and other cytizens shall have cause to meete together, the Mayor, Aldermen, Associats, and all suche as have bene Bayliffs shall weare their scharlett gownes, and the Chamberlens in gownes of chrimson, and everye one of the Common Counsell in his gowne of murrey. And that everye man shall make provision to buye and have his gowne reddye by Easter next insewinge uppon payne of forfeture of fyve poundes for everye one that shall make defaulte, and also

[67] In the room of Richard Whittington, buried in S$^{t}$. Martin's Church May 15, 1578. Wood says that "the house where Orum the fishmonger now lives (now —— Paynton's, Town Clerk) was once belonging to this Whittington, for in the windows of the parlour is painted a Whiting over a Tun, and R. W. by it."

that everye one that shall wante his gowne shall lose his place, and goe after all those that have gownes, uppon lyke payne of everye man that shall take his place w^th^owte his gowne[68]. A. 205.

1577, Nov. 21. *For the Ringing of the Common Bell.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that certen persons shulde be chosen to gather of everye freman and others that will geve any thinge towardes the ringinge of the comon bell, and to certifye the names of suche as do geve, and the sommes that they will geve quarterlye; and in the Northest warde was appoynted M^r^. James Almonte; in the Sowest warde, M^r^. Ewen; in the Sowthwest warde, M^r^. William Barton; in the Northwest warde, M^r^. Joyner; in Magdalen paryshe and S^t^. Gyles, William Williams; and in S^t^. Thomas paryshe, Robert Monson; and for Holliwell, Mychaell Fillis. Theise parties in everye warde and paryshe to take some one or twoe w^th^ them, and to make certificate of theire doings theirein unto M^r^. Mayor before S^t^. Andrewes daye next. A. 205.

15$\frac{77}{78}$, March 7. *Robert Dawsons Leas of the Ground at the Armitage.*

Hyt ys agreed at this Counsell that Robert Dawson shall have a newe leas of a little grounde at Tharmytage, making upp the walles so farr as the grounde goethe, and payeing x^s^ rent, and doing covenants in his other lease, from o^r^ Ladye daye next during xxj^ti^ yeares. A. 205 b.

*For the Ringing of the Common Bell.*

Hyt ys further agreed at this Counsell that all suche parsons as have borne thoffice of Mayorshippe w^th^in this Cytie shall paye everye quarter towards the rynging of the Towne bell, iiij^d^; and everye one that hathe bene Bayliffe, or compounded theirefore, iij^d^; and everye Chamberlen, or compounder for Chamberlenshippe, ij^d^; and every one of the Common Counsell, and other able cytizens, j^d^; and so quarterlie to doe all the yeare. And that the bell shalbe ronge all the wynter and sommer at eight of the clocke in the evenynge and fower in the morninge. A. 205 b.

15$\frac{77}{78}$, March 8. *The Inrowlement of all such Cattells as are lawfully Bought and Sold and Tolled fore w^th^in this Cytie of Oxford, from the Feaste of S^t^. John Baptiste, in the xj^th^ yeare of the Raigne of o^r^ Soveraigne Lady Elizabeth the Quenes Ma^ie^ that now ys, A^o^ 1569; William Ravenynge, gent., then being Clerke of the same Cytie.*

Memorand, that the viij daye of Marche, in the twenteth yeare of the raigne of o^r^ Soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth the Quenes Ma^tie^ that

[68] This acte and the penaltie thearof is suspended untill fardre order shall be taken thearin by this howsse, 24 March, 15$\frac{77}{78}$.

now ys, &c., Henry Golding, of Colchester, in the countie of Essex, gent., dyd sell to William Powdrell, of the Cytie of Oxford, hostyler, one grey trotting curtoll mare, crapped on the further yeare, and the neare ie walled, for the some of xviij$^{s}$. *Hannisters*, 372.[69]

1578, June 29. *Letters from the Lords of the Privy Council to the Justices of Assize and to the Vice-Chancellor, concerning the Cause of Bennett against Wayte.*

A lettre to the justices of assise in the countie of Oxon, signifieing unto them that by the peticion inclosed they shall understande the substance of a controversie betwene one Edmunde Bennette and John Waight, citizens of Oxon. And because the said Waight is charged that, after he had by his atturney appeared and pleaded unto an action commenced against him by the said Bennet, and perceiving that iudgment was like to passe againste him, procured himself to be matriculated in the Universitie; by which privilege he hath stayed the judgment and delayed the partie plaintiff, contrarie to right and the othe of a citizen, w$^{ch}$ being true, the Vice-Chauncello$^{r}$ also of the Universitie cannot avoyde suspition. They are therefore required at their assises there to call both parties before them, and effectuallie to examine the said controversie; and yf it shall appeare unto them to be as it is informed, then to take suche order betwen them as shalbe agreable w$^{t}$ equitie and justice. And w$^{th}$all to signifie unto the Vice-Chancellor from their LLs. the misliking they have of their doings in that behaulfe, and how hardlie they shalbe able to take the defence of their privileges in hand yf theire be no more care hade by him and the rest of the Universitie in like cases.

A lettre to the Vice-Chauncellor of the Universitie of Oxford, that where their LLs. are geven to understande that uppon a controversie betwene Edmund Bennette and John Wayght, of that Cittie, the matter depending in suyte, the said Waight haveing by his atturney appeared and pleaded to an action and judgment like to have passed againste him, to detain the partie plaintiff and to stay judgment, did obteine of the Universitie by his meanes to be matriculated; geving them to understand that (that informacion being true) their LLs. have just cause greatelie to mislike of their doinges, and do hereby advise him to have better regarde to the mainetenance of their privileges, that by the like defaulte hereafter they incurre not bothe the daunger they maie fall unto in respecte of their privileges, and their

[69] The inrolment of the sale of horses was ordered to be made by Act of Parliament, 2 and 3 Ph. and Mary, cap. vii., which was afterwards made more strict in the 31 Q. Eliz$^{th}$. Entries of the sale of horses in Oxford from the 11$^{th}$ to the 31$^{st}$ year of Elizabeth are inrolled pp. 372—420.

LLs. not discouraged to take the defence thereof uppon them, whereof if they shall not be carefull they maie not loke for that favor at their LLs. hands, that by their good dealings otherwise they might deserve. *Privy Council Registers*, 211.

1578, July 31. *Mr. Wayte Disfraunchesed.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that from henceforthe Mr. Wayte, whoe hathe taken the priveledge of the Universitie, and for saken to be justified by the Mayor and Bayliffs of this Towne, shalbe quyte disfraunchesed, and be taken as one not free of this corporation.

A. 206.

1578, Aug. 28. *Lease of the Game of the Swannes to Mr. Smythe.*

At this Counsayle was graunted to Mr. Thomas Smyth to have the games of the swannes of thys Cyttie from Mychaelmas next for xxjtie yeares, yf he so longe lyve, payeng yearelie fower fatt fedd signetts, and leaving twelve olde breaders at them of the said tearme, or at the tyme of his decease, yf he departe before; the tyme of payment must be three agaynst the eleccion dynner, and thother agaynst the comyng home of the Mayor yearelie. A. 206 b.

*For reckoning of Voyces at the Eleccions.*

Hyt ys also enacted that from henceforth in all eleccions the voyces geven in the Counsayle house shalbe reckoned, yf theare neede be any telling of voyces, wth the commons. A. 206 b.

1577-8. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Ralph Flaxney, Mayor; Pierce Underhill and William Ashley, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1577, *to the same feast,* 1578.

William Farr, late app. of John Woodson, fysher.
Robert Williams, late app. of William Aldworthe, showmaker.
Richard Goode, late app. of Ralph Flaxney, Alderman.
Edward Hyman, late app. of Roger Sydnam.
Richard, son of John Dobson.
Isacke Marten, carpenter, late app. of Walter Oven.
Christopher Lyttle, bocher.
Edward Northe, late app. of Edward Yelburye, joyner.
William Rogers, late app. of John Willobe, weaver.
Thomas Wilks, taylor.
John Dyssell, late app, of Thomas Dyssell.
John Williams, late app. of William Wilks, currer.
Mathewe Harryson, late app. of Thomas Rowe, mercer.
William Woolwright.

1577-8. *The Accounts of William Asheley and Pearce Underhill, late Chamberlains; 21 Eliz.*

Inprimis, payed for two payre of gloves geven to my L. Norrys and my ladye . . . . . iiij$^{s}$

Item, payed for a sugar loff weighing xiiij$^{lb}$, at xx$^{d}$ the pounde, geven to them . . . . . xxiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$

Item, payed to the Quenes bearewardes . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$

1578, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayors*, Richard Williams[70], Willyam Levyns.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Richard Brian, Robert Allen. | *Common Council.* Andrew Stokes. John Dennys. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Robert Dawson, Stephen Lane. | |

Nov. 11. *Aldermen*, Roger Hewitt; 1578/79, March 2, Nicholas Todd.

1578, Oct. 8. *For Scavengers.*

At this Counsell hit ys agreed that theare shalbe scavengers throughowte this Cytie, and that theare shalbe two appoynted in everye paryshe for the seasing and collection of money for everye howsolde, to knowe what everye howsholde will geve quarterlie.

A. 210 b.

1578, Nov. 2. *Lease of the Hermitage.*

A lease for 21 years made by the Towne to one William Barton, bocher, in Oxon., of a peece or plott of voyde grounde lienge and beinge at S$^{t}$. Nicholas Chappell, commonly called y$^{e}$ Hermitage, w$^{th}$out Southgate, &c., for x$^{s}$ by the yeare, &c.; w$^{th}$ a proviso that he shall maynetayne all y$^{e}$ walls, mounds, and fences thereof, as farre as that place extendeth, at his owne charges, &c. *Lease Book*, 2.

1578, Nov, 11. *Licences for Wyne.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Noble and M$^{r}$. Spenser shall have theire licences for selling of wyne severallie renewed, payeing thearefore as they have bene accustomed. A. 211.

*Those that are appoynted to conclude w$^{th}$ M$^{r}$. Frere for Austin Friers.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Mayor, M$^{r}$. Alderman Flaxney, M$^{r}$. Alderman Williams, M$^{r}$. Alderman Levins, and

[70] Richard Williams died before his mayoraltie was quite finished, viz. Sept. 19, 1579; and soon after, or about that time, William Levyns was chosen for the remainder of the year, and for the year following.

M^r^. Todd, or the most parte of them, shall take order and agree w^th^ M^r^. Frere towching the bargayne and sale of all the interest w^ch^ the Towne hathe in the Augustine Friers unto M^r^. Frere. And also to understande and agree w^th^ M^r^. Frere for thordering and conclusure of such interest and estate as he shall make to John Webbe, nowe farmer theareof. A. 211.

1578, Nov. 20. *Mr. Frere to have the Augustyne Fryers.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that M^r^. Frere and John Webbe, being bothe in the howsse, John Webbe surrendered the leasse w^ch^ he hadd sealed by this Towne of the Augustyn Fryers, and agreed to take no advauntage theareof.

*Mr. Frere to have the interest of the Augustyne Fryers.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that M^r^. Frere shall have all the lease and interest of the Augustyne Fryers from this Cytie for xx^li^. A. 211 b.

*Putting in of Cattell into Porte Meade.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that from hence forthe hit shalbe lawfull for all freemen of this Cytie to licence any man whosoever to putt in theire cattell into portemeade w^th^owt any stent, untill farther order be taken, so that they putt in neyther hogges nor sheepe. A. 212.

This order is abrogated by a Counsell held the v^th^ of Julie, 1579, and the comon to stand for freemen as hit dyd before.

*An Order for Fyshers Servants.*

And also hit is agreed at this Counsell that no prentice or servaunt to any fysherman w^th^in the Cyttie or suburbes theareof shalbe free of this Cytie for any suche service of fyshinge, excepte suche as are bounde prentices and inrowled before this acte made. A. 212.

1578/79, Jan. 9. *John Dennys Licens to sell Wyne.*

At the same Counsell w^th^ the consent of M^r^. Houghe, w^ch^ had the former graunte, hit ys agreed that John Dennys shalbe the thirde parson lycensed to sell wyne w^th^in this Cyttie, according to the statute. A. 212.

1578/79, Jan. 22. *Allowance and Licencinge of Alehouse Keepers or Tiplers.*

M^d^ that the xxij^th^ day of January, in y^e^ xxj^th^ yere of the raigne of our Soveraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth, M^r^. D^r^. Humfrey, deputye

unto M^r. D^r. Culpeper, then Vice-Chanceller of the Universitie of Oxford; M^r. Richard Williams, then Maior of the Cittie of Oxford; M^r. Thomas Williams, M^r. William Levens, M^r. Roger Hewett, Aldermen; and M^r. Nicholas Todde, gent., justices of the peace of our Soveraigne Ladie the Queene w^th in the Universitie and Cittie aforesaide, suburbs and precincts of the same, in the Guildhall of the saide Cittie assembled, and then and there callinge before them all the tipplers w^th in the precinct of the Universitie and Cittie aforesaide, as well priviledged as not priviledged, made newe allowance of such as by them were thought mete to kepe such tipplinge howses, and caused them to bringe in sureties to be bound in recognisance severally together w^th themselves, for the dewe observation of all and singular such orders as in the condicion of y^e recognisance hereafter followinge are contayned. And all tipplers w^ch had any priviledge in the Universitie were willed to repayre to M^r. Pollexfen, *alias* Polson, Regester to the Chancellor of the Universitie, to bringe their sureties before him to be bounde; and all such as were not priviledged were charged to come unto John Holloway, then Towne Clarke of the saide Cittie, w^th their saide suerties to be bound, w^th in seaven dayes then next followinge, or else from thenceforth to be discharged from keepinge of any tipplinge. And the parties allowed w^th their sureties came and were bound accordingly as followeth.

JACOBUS POLLEXFEN, notarius publicus et Registrarius Curiæ Cancellarii Oxon.

*Twyne*, xvi. 213.

1579, May 23. *Orders for the Market of Oxford.*

Martine Colepeper, docto^r of physick and Vice-Chauncellor of the Universitie of Oxforde, taxeth, assiseth, and setteth the pryce of a quarter of the best stronge ale at iij^s iiij^d; and the price of a kilderkin of the best doble beare at iij^s, and the pryce of a kilderkin of the best single beare at xviij^d, and so rateably in greater or lesser measures of the same. And therefore strictly chargeth and commaundeth that no bruer of ale or beere w^th in the Citie of Oxforde and suburbes of the same do sell their said ale or beere above the said prices, upon peine conteyned in the statutes of this realme in this behalfe provided.

Item, the said Vice-Chauncellor streictly chargeth and commaundeth that no inholder, victualler, seller of ale or beere, or any that putteth or setteth to sale any ale or beere by retaile, shall sell the same above the rate of iiij^d the gallon; that is to say, an ale quarte for a penye, an ale pinte for a halfpenye, an ale half pinte for a

farthinge. And that they and every of them shall putt their ale and beere to sell, as well in their houses as out of their houses, in no other measures then in pewter pottes allowed and sealed by the clerkes of the market of this Universitie, and accordinge to the rates above specyfied. And that none of the parties above mencyoned shall deny, or refuse to sell to any of the Queenes Ma^ties liege people ale or beere according to the rate above lymyted, yf he or they have any in their houses, uppon peine to forfeit for eyther and every of the offences x^s, besides farther punishement at the discrecion of the saide Vice-Chauncellor or his deputie.

Item, that every inholder w^thin the Citie of Oxford and suburbes of the same have in his or their houses, for the purpose and use above mencioned, at the lest foure ale quarte pewter pottes, and so many pinte pewter pottes, allowed and sealed by the clerkes of the market of this Universitie. And in like manner every other victualler and seller of ale and beere by retaile, have in his or their houses, for the saide purpose and use, two quarte pewter pottes and two pinte pewter pottes for ale, sealed as aforesaide, uppon peine to forfeit for every tyme that they, or any of them, shalbe founde defective and wantinge the same x^s, besides further punishement at the discrecion of the said Vice-Chauncellor or his deputie.

Item, whereas divers in this Citie of Oxford, and suburbes of the same, have bene at sondry tymes grevously complayned upon for unjust and unlawfull weights, measures, and yeards, to the great infamye and reproche of the said Cittie and also of this Universitie, unto the w^ch the reformacion thereof apperteyneth; nowe the said Vice-Chauncellor, to take cleane away, as neere as may be, the cause of all such obloquye and just complaint for the same, hath to the great charges of this Universitie and travaile of some thereunto chosen and appointed (thorough the speciall good meanes of the right honorable the Earle of Leycestre, Chauncellor of this said Universitie, procured) a perfitt standerd of all weights and measures for the tryall of all other weights and measures, and prepared a convenient place in St. Maries to kepe the same, whereunto men may have convenient accesse to trye theirs. And therefore he precysely and streictly chargeth and commaundeth that all weights, as well *Troye* as *Aver de pois*, all measures for graine, as busshells, half busshells, pecks, and half pecks, all measures for wine to be solde by retaill, as gallons, pottells, quartes, pints, and half pintes; and all measures for ale and beare to be solde by retaile, as gallons, pottells, quartes, pintes, and halfe pints; and all kinde of meate yards for wollen, lynnen, silke, &c.; and all other measures (onely bruers measures, as barrells, kilderkins, firkins, runletts, lademeales, gallons, excepted, w^ch are

and may be more conveniently tryed at their houses), to be brought into the place appointed for the same purpose at St. Maries aforesaide, there to be vewed, tryed, sised, allowed, and sealed, betwen the first daye of the moneth of June and the xxiiij$^{th}$ day of the same moneth next folowinge this present proclamacion, 1579; w$^{ch}$ respitt of tyme the said Vice-Chauncellor graunteth, for that his meaninge is not to seeke the extremytie of lawe uppon any thoffendors in the premisses for any fault heretofore commytted, so that the same w$^{th}$in the said tyme be reformed w$^{th}$out fraude. But from thenceforth all suche as shalbe founde to have unlawfull weights, measures, or yards, to be punyshed severely, accordinge to dyvers statutes of this realme in that behalf provided.

Item, whereas very good statutes and lawes are made for the conservacion of the younge broode, spawne, and frye of fishe, w$^{ch}$ good statutes and lawes notw$^{th}$standing, the same is contynually taken, solde, and spoyled, to the great hurte and detryment of many; the said Vice-Chauncellor understandinge great fault to be in mancyples, cookes, and others concealinge the same, for the better reformacion hereof streictly chargeth all mancyples and cookes, and others of the Universitie and Citie of Oxforde and suburbes of the same, in no wyse to conceale but to detect, eyther to the Vice-Chauncellor or the clerks of this markett, all and singuler suche offendors w$^{ch}$ they knowe or understande of, upon paine they and every of them to forfeit for suche concealement and not deteccion x$^{s}$, over and besides the due punishement by lawe for suche offendors. And that none shoulde pretende ignorance herein, no pickerell is lawfull eyther to be taken or solde not beinge in length tenne ynches fishe, or any trowte not beinge eight inches, or any barbell not being in length xij inches, or any salmon not being in length xvj$^{teene}$ inches fishe.

Item, the said Vice-Chauncellor streictly chargeth and commandeth that noe chaundellor w$^{th}$in the Citie of Oxforde and suburbes of the same do from hencefourth sell a pound of the best cotton candells above the price of iij$^{d}$, nor a pound of other candells made of browne wecke above the price of ij$^{d}$ ob., upon peine to forfeit for every pounde of candells solde for more then those pryces lymited xij$^{d}$, besides the losse of the candells so solde or the value of them.

GOD SAVE THE QUEENE.

Proclaimed May 23, 1579. *Langbaine's Papers.*

1579, May 30. *Testamentum Willielmi Forest.*

In the Name of God, Amen. The tenthe day of September, 1571, I, William Forest, of the parishe of S$^{t}$. Peters in the Baylye, w$^{th}$in

the Cytie of Oxon, being sicke of bodye, but of perfect mynde and goode rememberaunce, God be thanked, make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. Ffyrst, I comende my soule unto Allmightye God, and my bodye to be buried in Christian buryall. Item, I bequeath to Alice Forest, my wiffe, the one halfe of all my goods, and the other halfe I bequeath to my three chyldren to be equally devyded betwyne them, and the longer lyver of them to enioye the whole. Also I will and ordayne that my wyffe shall dwell in my howsse whearein I nowe dwell for the terme of her lyffe freylye, and after her decease I geve the said howsse unto Thomas Forest, my eldest sonne, and to his heyres for ever. Furthermore, I will that my wiffe shall have my leases after my decease, and after her decase I will the said leases shall remayne to the use and proffytt of my said three children, and I make Alice my wiffe my executrixe. These being wyttnesses at the making hereof: Richard Coxe; Ursula Scott, the wiffe of Thomas Scott; Elizabeth Liffellye, Margeret Hewes, and S^r^ William Wells, curate.

Proved in the Archdeaconry of Oxford, 30 May, 1579.

*Hanasters*, p. 183 b.[71]

1579, June 4. *Nicholas Gosson admitted free.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that Nicholas Gosson shall frome henceforth be free of this Cytie, ffor the w^ch^ he shall before the Nativitie of our Lord next insuyng, or before, yf nede be, at his charge gyve and delyver to the use of this Cytie, syxe sheffe of goode arrowes, well fethered hedds, and cased w^th^ redd leather, and newe scoure and fether all suche arrowes as the twone howsse nowe hathe, and newe pycke all theire bowes w^ch^ have nede to be done; ffor performaunce wheareof Henrye Dodwell and Robert Gosson have geven theire promisses, or els to paye unto this Cytie three pounds in money. A. 213.

*For the making of a Cowcking Stole.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that the Chamberlens of this Cytie shall cause a Cuckingstole to be made uppon wheeles, that hit maye be drawen from place to place, to punishe suche women as shall undecentlie abuse any person of this Cytie by words, and this to be done before Mydsomer next. A. 213.

[71] Recited in the proceedings taken in the time of Richard Williams, Mayor, concerning a house in S^t^. Peter in the Baylie, granted by Richard Rondell, M.A., and Principall of Hart Hall, and Alice his wife, formerly wife of William Forest, to Richard Goughe, singing-man.

1579, July 27. *For the Howse of Correccion for the Poore.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that at the request of Sr Frauncis Knolls the almes howsse shalbe imployed unto theire howsse of correccion for the poore; and that our poore in the said howsse shalbe removed, when he shall give commaundment for the same. A. 213.

*Money delivered to the Poore Boye.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that the poore boye in the almes howsse shall have money to the valewe of vjs viijd or xs to goe to the newe well for his cure, yf hit please God hit maye do him goode, wch money Mr. Alderman Williams shall deliver unto him. And to be parcell of his accompt. A. 213.

1579, Aug. 6. *Certen Persons appoynted to talke wth Mr. Owen abowt the particion of Portemeade.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that an answere shalbe made presentlie to Mr. Owen lettres towching the particion of Portmeadowe. And that Mr. Mayor, Mr. Alderman Levins, Mr. Alderman Hewett, Mr. Alderman Todd, Mr. Baylie Bryan, Mr. Baylie Allen, Mr. Chamberlens, Mr. Smythe, Mr. Furnes, Henrie Dodwell, and James Willis shall talke wth Mr. Owen towching the premisses in the behalfe of this Cytie. A. 213 b.

1579, Aug 20. *Mr. Mayor that nowe ys may admite one Man free.*

Hit ys further more agreed at this Counsell that Mr. Richard Williams, Mayor, for that he hath no children of his owne, shall bringe in any one person to be a freman into the libertie of this Cytie for the somme of ixs vjd to the use of this Cytie, and fower shillings vjd for the officers fees, &c. A. 214.

1578-9. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Richard Williams, Mayor; Richard Bryan and Robert Allen, Bailiffs; Robert Dawson and Stephen Lane, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1578, *to the same feast,* 1579.

John Clyfton, taylor.
Richard Mosden, late app. of Thomas Wilde.
John Leadman, carpenter.
Stephen Clarke, butcher.
John Hollway, late app. of Thomas Rowe, mercer.
Edward Comber.
William Inglesbe, late app. of William Asheley, glover.
Thomas Collyns, late app. of William Tylliard, taylor.
James Hearne, late app. of Roger Joyner, glasier.

Richard Sampson, sadler.
John Harris, late app. of Thomas Cogan, mercer.
Thomas Ponder, late app. of Christopher Wodfall, taylor.
Thomas, son of John Barton.
Thomas Hawke, butcher.
Randal Gorton, osteler.

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1578-9. *The Accounts of Robert Dawson and Stephen Lane, late Chamberlains; 22 Eliz.*

Item, for a lock to the cage doore . . . . iij$^{s}$
Item, payed to the Countice of Essex players . . . x$^{s}$
Item, for the cariage of a letter to M$^{r}$. Merser at Henlie . ij$^{s}$
Item, for wyne and sugar geven to M$^{r}$. Commissarie when M$^{r}$. Mayer went abowt Sydlings *alias* Vennett . . xvj$^{d}$

1579, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Levins.

*Bailiffs*, { Thomas Gyles, Pierce Underhill.

*Chamberlains*, { John Dennys, John Williams.

1579, Nov. 5, *Aldermen*, 15$\frac{8}{9}$, Jan. 19, { William Noble, Edmund Bennett, John Hartley.

*Common Council.*
John Dobson.
Randolph Potter.
John Brushe.
John Dewe.
Richard Hewett.

1579, Nov. 6, *Coroners*, { William Furness, William Noble.

1579, Oct. 13. *For Demaunding Cognizaunce of Plees by Chartre.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Massey shall have the charter of the Cytie to London for to demaunde conizaunce of plees in an accion betwene Lyncolne Colledge and S$^{t}$. Mychaells paryshe. And a lettre of Atturney likewise to M$^{r}$. Recorder to demaunde conizaunce theareof. A. 219.

*A newe Pulpitt to be set up in S$^{t}$. Martin's Church.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that the Chamberlens shall see a newe pulpitt made at S$^{t}$. Martyn's churche at the charges of this Cytie. A. 219.

*Repareling of the Poore in the Almes howsse.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that wheare M$^{r}$. Rychard Williams, late Mayor, gave iiij$^{li}$ to the repareling of the poore in the almeshowse, yt ys agreed that M$^{r}$. Spenser and M$^{r}$. Dodwell shall have the bestowing theareof uppon them as they shall thinke most nedefull. A. 219.

1579, Nov. 5. *The Aldermen to be chozen out of the Bayliffs.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that one acte made in the seconde and thirde years of Phillippe and Mary whearebye hit was ordered that the Aldermen shoulde onlie be chozen owt of the eight Associates. Hit ys nowe agreed that the eleccion of the Aldermen from hencforthe shalbe amoungest the Bayliffs of this Cytie eyther owt of the Associates or the other Bayliffs at the free eleccion of this howse, and the said acte in the said seconde and thirde yeares made to be voyde. A. 220.

1579, Nov. 13. *An Order for commyng to the Sermons, and for setting of Formes in S^t^. Martyns Church.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell, that all ffreemen of this Cytie shall everie Sondaye and holidaye come to the sermon at Carfoxe w^th^ theire wiefes and families as mannye as may be spared, and that none shall absent them selves withowt seasonable cause. And also that the Chamberlens shall have delivered so many formes owt of the lower hall to sett in the Chauncell of S^t^. Martyns for men to sytt on as shalbe nedefull, the same to brought in agayne at any tyme when nede shall requier, and the same formes to be delivered by inventorie.

Uppon payne that everie man that shall not come to the sermons as aforesaid to forfayte xij^d^ for everie tyme. A. 220 b.

1579, Dec. 14. *M^r^. Alderman Levinz surrenders upp his Lease to the use of the Towne.*

Hit ys also agreed by thassent of this Counsell, that M^r^. Levinz nowe Mayor shall redeliver and surrender to the use of this Cytie all that his lease of the Castle dytche and Towne dytche towards Baylie Colledge, so that from Mychaelmas last frome henceforth the Towne shall have all the rents and proffytts theareof, saving to all suche tenants that have taken leases of him theire rights, ffor the w^ch^ the said Master Mayor ys to have allowed and debated unto him one hundred pounds uppon his accompte of the Keykepershippe next comyng. A. 221.

1579, Dec. 14. *Certen sheffs of Arrowes brought by N. Gosson.*

At this Counsell Nicholas Gosson, fletcher, browght in sixe sheffe of arrowes in parte of performaunce of an acte hearetofore made. A. 221.

*Petition of certain Citizens to the Lord Burghley.*

To the Right Honorable Lorde Burghley, Lorde Highe Treasorer of Engelonde, and one of the Quenes maiesties most honorable Pryvie Counsell.

Ryght honorable in most humble and lamentable wise, yo^r poore orators Stevin Layne, John Phillipes, John Smyth, John Jennins, and Robert Crooke, of the Cytie of Oxforde, the xiiij^th daie of January last past, beinge peacsablye in there howses, abowte or betwixt vij and ix of the cloke in the eveninge, beinge very darke, hearinge a most lamentable and pytyfull crye of the wife, childeren, and servantes of Wyllyam Noble w^t these pytifull and lamentable words cryed, Murdere, murdere, lyght, lyght, for the passyon of God; the w^ch pytyfull owte crye, beyinge hard by yo^r said orators afore namyd w^t dyvers beinge then in there howses, came fourth to see the Quenes Ma^ties peace kepte, and the constable beinge the Quenes Ma^ties offycer, beinge there, commanding us in the Quenes Ma^ties name, that we should ayde and assiste him to kepe the peace, and so we did in as much as in us did lye, and when we came unto the howse of the saide William Noble, we did then and there fynde one Thomas Hickson, a M^r of Arte of Christ Church of the Universitie of Oxforde, and dyvers others of the same collidg being M^rs of Arte assawting the said William Noble, w^t his wife and childeren, and servantes, in his owne howse, and brekinge the doores and windowes of the said howse, threatninge to pull downe and fyere the howse; and seinge the said Noble, his wife, and childeren w^th famyly to be in so great dainger, and lyke more to be, by the reason of so great a nomber of disordered persons of the Universitie assembled together, and seynge that the constable and we could not prvaile to kepe the peace, and fearinge that murther would be done, we went w^t all spede to caule Doctor Humffery who was Vyce-Chanceler of the Universitie, and required him in the Quenes Ma^tes name that he would com w^t all speid to the howse of the said Noble and see the peace kepte, who w^t all speid did so, and dyvers other docters of the Universitie w^t him, but could not pacyfye the unlawfull assemble w^towt proclamation of rebellyon, accordinge to the lawes and statewtes of the realme. And yt shall please yo^r honor, yo^r poore and dalye orators beinge very poore men, havinge wifes, and childeren, and great charge of howholde, are servid w^t subpenaes to apere before yo^r honors in the Quenes Ma^ties courte in the Stare Chamber, to answere to a most untrewe and slaunderouse bill of complainte put in and preferred by Thomas Hickson of Christ Church in Oxforde, M^r of Arte, onlye to vexe

and troble yo$^{r}$ said poore and daily orators w$^{t}$owt any just cause, we take God to witnes for any thinge that we did to the said Hyckson as ys most untrewlye alegede in his bill, w$^{ch}$ he doth of onlye purpose, to vexe and troble yo$^{r}$ poore orators, and to put them to charges w$^{t}$owt just cause; bycause we be poore men, thinking to do that by myght w$^{ch}$ he cannot do by ryght, and would make us parties in the ryote, bycause we should not be witnesses for Noble against him. And som of yo$^{r}$ honors poore orators have bin constraned to sell parsell of there goods to make monye to come to appere, to the great hinderance of yo$^{r}$ poore orators. Maie yt therefore pleace yo$^{r}$ honor for the lyvinge lorde sake, to cawle the matter before yo$^{r}$ honor, and to determyne yt w$^{t}$oute lawe, and where yo$^{r}$ honor shall fynde the falte there to use yo$^{r}$ honors descretion in ponyshment. And yf yo$^{r}$ honor do fynde the faulte to be in us, we beseeche yo$^{u}$ let us be ponyshed to the example of all others, other waise we perceve they do meane the utter undoinge of yo$^{r}$ poore orators wiffes, children, and ffamylies, as knowith the Allmightie God, who p$^{r}$serve yo$^{u}$ for ever and ever. Amen.

1579/80, Feb. 17. *No Players to play in the Guilde Halls.*

Hit ys inacted and agreed at this Counsayle, that no Mayor of this Cytie or his deputie from hencforth shall geve leave to any players to playe w$^{th}$in the guilde hall, or the lower hall, or in the guilde hall courte w$^{th}$owt consent of the Counsell of this Cytie first hadd, uppon payne of forfeyture of tenne pounds for the w$^{ch}$ hit shalbe lawfull for the Bayliffs to enter into his howsse and dystreyne, and the same to kepe untyll the said some of tenne pounds be fullie payed, eight pounds to the use of this Cytie, and fortie shillings to the use of the said Bayliffes for the tyme being.

A. 221 b.

*The Replicacion of Thomas Hixon, compl$^{t}$, to the Answere of William Noble and others defend$^{ts}$.*

The saide complaynante savinge to him at all tymes hereafter the advantage of excepcion to the incertentie and insuffycyency of the saide aunswere saythe as before in his saide bill of complaint hathe saide, and dothe and will averr, iustifie, and maintayne all and every matter and thinge therein contayned, to be good, iust and trewe, in suche sorte, manner and forme as they and every of them in the said bill of compl$^{t}$ be and are iustlye and trewlye expressed and alledged w$^{th}$out that, that y$^{e}$ def$^{ts}$ ys not guiltie of the ryott, route, and other mysdemeanors alledged in the saide bill, and w$^{th}$out that any other matter or thinge in the said aunswere contayned

matteryall to be replied unto, and herein not suffycyently averred, confessed, and avoyded, denyed or traversed ys trewe. All w^ch^ matters the saide compl^t^ is redye to avarr and prove as this honorable courte shall awarde, and prayethe, &c.

*Star Chamber*, H. 23, bund. 79, 22 Eliz.

1580, Sept. 2. *Concerning the Bakers orders and Barbors.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that the bakers of this Cytie shall and may use theire Learned Counsell, towchinge some orders to be made emongest them, for calling theire companye together, and for expellinge suche fforreners as bringe breade and put hit to sale in this markett being not free nor inhabytaunts of this Cytie, so that suche orders as they shall devise be first sene and allowed by this howsse, and like graunte is made unto the barbors uppon like condycion. A. 224.

1580, Sept. 19. *Refusal to depart the Counsell House after being requested by the Mayor so to do.*

M^d^ that the xix^th^ of Septembre, 1580, Rich. Lloyd, taylor, John Capper, and Henrie Dodwell, beinge three of the Common Counsayle of this Citie, w^th^ divers others of the Common Counsayle, came into the Counsell howse in the presence of M^r^. William Levynz, Mayor of the said Citie, Robt. Atkynson, esquier, Recorder of the said Citie, and thaldermen, w^th^ the rest of the Bayliffes and Chambreleyns then present, at the eleccion of the Mayor, and being willed by the said M^r^. Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and others of the said howsse to depart owt of the said howsse duringe tyme of the said eleccion, accordinge as tyme owt of memorie of man, hit hath ben used, the said Rich. Lloyd, John Capper, and Henrie Dodwell verie stobernelie gaynsayd so to do, and refused to depart owt of the howsse, and the said Lloyd thretened violence to anie officer that shold attempt to have hym owt of the howsse, whearuppon they were commytted to the prison of Bocardo w^th^in the said Citie, thear to remayne untill they dyd submytt themselves for the said contempt, and paye such fyne as by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Justices shold be sett uppon them. The same night the said parties submytted themselves and prayed to be releassed of their imprisonment, promysinge payment of such fyne as for their said offence shold by the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen be sett uppon them. The fyne agreed uppon was that everie of the said parties first namyd shold paye xiij^s^ iiij^d^, w^ch^ said fyne the said Henrie Dodwell for his part payd. And the said Lloyd and John Clarke (*sic*), beinge at libertie, refused to paye the said fyne, whearuppon the said Rich. and John,

by Mr. John Harteley, Maior of the sald Citie, and others the Aldermen and Justices of the same, were charged uppon their othes to prison, thearto remayne untill the payed the same. Afterwards the said Lloyd and Clarke (*sic*) went unto the prison of Bocardo and theare dranke, and sone after departed from the prison wthowt anie licence of the said Maior, ffor wch secound contempt and disobedience contrarie to their othes unto her Matie. Hit is ordered by the said Mayor and Justices the secound of Decemb., 1580, that the sayd Lloyd and Capper shall be taken and imprisoned untill eyther of them shall paye the said fyne of xiijs iiijd for the first contempt, and also xiijs iiijd more for the second contempt, and further to remayn in prison untill theire humble submission, &c. A. 356.

1579-80. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Levinz, Mayor; Thomas Giels and Pierce Underhill, Bailiffs; John Dennys and John Williams, Chamberlains.* 22 *Eliz., ending Mich.* 1580.

Moses Byrt, payunter.
Anthony Wells, glover.
Henry Webbe, taylor.
Robert Lanwarne, bocher.
John, eldest son of Thomas Smyth.
Edward, son of John Forrest.
John Capon, late app. of Robert Fearnesyde, shomaker.
Henry Wylkes, late app. of William Asheley, glover.
William, eldest son of William Tovye, tanner.
John Aldersley, late app. of Richard Wynckley, smythe.
James Warcoppe, late app. of Andrew Stooks, taylor.
Roger Stephens, sen., son of John Stephens, mason.
William Gybson, late app. of Robert Jackson, mason.
James, third son of James Atwoode.
George Tredwell, baker.
Matthew Wrighte, baker.
John Sunton, late app. of Robert Rychardson, joyner.
Edward Johnson, appoticarye.

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1579-80. *The Accounts of John Dennys and John Williams, late Chamberlains;* 23 *Eliz., ending Mich.,* 1580.

*For the Cookekinge Stole.*

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| Inprimis, payed for iiij peeccs of tymber to Mr. Myllwarde, and a plancke of elme . . . . . | vjs | ijd |
| Item, to Mr. Edgis for tymber to make the ladder . . | iijs | |
| Item, for sawing the peece . . . . . | | vjd |
| Item, for ij brases . . . . . | | xd |
| Item, to Thomas Slypperye for iiij dayes and a halfe . | iiijs | |
| Item, to John Smythe for iij dayes and a halfe . . | ijs | xjd |
| Item, for nayles . . . . . | | iiijd |
| Item, for the iron worke . . . . . | iijs | iiijd |
| Item, for the ladder rownes . . . . . | | vjd |

Item, for tymber and bords that made the stoole . . xx$^{d}$
Sm$^{a}$ xxiij$^{s}$ ix$^{d}$.
Item, for ij payre of gloves for my lorde of Warwicke . xvj$^{s}$
Item, payed to the drummers at the musters . . xij$^{d}$
Item, to the Countice of Essex players . . . x$^{s}$
Item, to the Quenes bearerode . . . vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$
Item, payed unto the carpenter and for tymber that was for the stocks . . . . . xvj$^{d}$
Item, payed unto Tompson the joyner for the pulpitt at [Carfox] xl$^{s}$

1580[72], Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, John Harteley.

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| *Bailiffs*, | William Tyllyarde, Thomas Almonte. | *Common Council.* John Banks. William Tovye, jun. Isaac Barthelmewe. Robert Andros. John Whyttington. |
| *Chamberlains*, | Randal Potter, Andrew Stokes. | |

1580, Nov. 25. *M$^{r}$. Mayor to have the keping of the Plate.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Mayor of this Cytie for the tyme beinge shall from henceforth have the custodye and use of all the plate geven to this Cytie during his mayraltie to be delivered unto him by inventorie, and so to deliver uppe the same agayne to the use of this Cytie at the yeares ende. A. 229.

1580/81, Jan. 19. *For making of an other Rome in the Office.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Alderman Noble and M$^{r}$. Rowe shall make the nether rome, adioyninge to the office, a convenient place for M$^{r}$. Mayor and his bretherne to sytt in for any affayres or meetings touchinge this Cytie. And of fytt strengthe for safe kepinge of any the common treasure of the same at the chardges of this Cytie. And begyne the same, so sonne as tyme of the yeare shall serve. A. 229 b.

1580/81, Jan. 21. *For the Towne Charter to be exhibited to the Parliament.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that the Towne Clarke shall go to London to solicite abowte the Towne charter, to be exhibited at this Parliament. A. 230.

1581, April 3. *Ordinance relating to the Election of the Associates.*

Hit is also agreed by this Counsayle that the nombre of Associats unto the Maior and Aldermen of this Citie to make uppe thirteene

[72] In the Key Keeper's accounts for this year occurs the following item :—
Item, for two scharletts clokes . . . . . iij$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$

shalbe chosen from henceforth for ever to continewe, accordinge to the auncient order, owt of w^ch^ nombre of thirteene the Maior shall yearlie be chosen. And such as shalbe frome hencefourth chosen to be of the thirteene shall pay at their election v^li^ a peece, and if any be chosen Alderman x^li^; and v^li^ at his beinge chosen Maior, not beinge then an Alderman; and that the Associats shall have their places in all goinges, syttings, and meetings, next unto the Aldermen, and the Bayliffs for the year next unto thassociats; and thassociats shall have and were their apparell (as scharlett gownes), except such as shalbe dispensed w^th^all, at all soleme ffeasts and meetings, as the Aldermen have; and who so ever shall refuse the rome of an Associate, beinge chosen, shall forfayte and pay to thuse of this Citie v^li^; and that all other acts heartofore made to the contrarie hearof shalbe utterlie voyd. And also hit is agreed that in all such meetings and matters whearin the thirteene shall have to doe, the Bayliffs for the yeare shall and maye be present, and gyve their advise and consent as the rest doe.

And moreover hit is fullie ordered and established by the full assent and consent of this Counsayle, that the said Associats at all elections and courts frome henceforth to be kept in and for this Citie; all the Associats shall and maye from tyme to tyme sytt uppon the highe benche w^th^ the Maior and Aldermen, to accompany them in such decencye as may be most for the wurshippe of this Citie. And this act shalbe graunted by covenaunt unto the sayd associats under the Towne seale for their most assueraunce, as may convenientlie be devised. A. 230 b.

1581, April 11. *For Buyldinge the Counsell Howsse.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that M^r^. Mayor and the Aldermen shall cause the Counsell howsse to be quyte taken downe, and be newe buylte yf they thinke goode, or to lett hit stande for this yeare. And M^r^. Alderman Noble and M^r^. Rowe to go forwarde in repayringe the nether parte theareof. A. 231.

1581, April 11. *Sixe Associats chosen.*

At this Counsayle thear are chosen sixe Associats, videlicet M^r^. Furnesse, M^r^. Smyth, M^r^. Barkesdall, M^r^. James Almont, M^r^. Rowe, and M^r^. Massey, to make uppe thirteene w^th^ the Maior and Aldermen, accordinge to an olde charter and auncient order of this Citie; and that everie one of the said sixe persons so chosen shall goe and sytt in senioritie as they were Bayliffs, and not as they were in election chosen Associats. But if hereafter any of the Associats happen to dye, then any senior chosen in his place shalbe junior to any Asso-

ciate chosen at another day before hym. But so many as be chosen all in one daye at any tyme shalbe in senioritie as they were chosen Bayliffs; and the said sixe persons so chosen have severallie promysed to paye the some of fyve pounds a peece before Fryday at night next. And hit is also agreed that the Associats shall goe, stand and sytt in all meetings next the Aldermen and the Bayliffs for the yeare, next after them. A. 231.

1581, April 18. *For the Establishinge of certen Acts towching the viij Assotiats.*

Hit is also agreed at this Counsell by the whole consent of the same, that if any Mayor of this Cytie shall at any tyme heareafter move or propose to the Counsayle of this Cytie to chaunge or alter the late acts made by this howsse the thirde and xj$^{th}$ dayes of Aprill laste, for the election and establishinge of the eight Associatts accordinge to an auncient charter graunted to this Cytye, except hit be for better establishinge and confirmacion of the said acte, that then everie Mayor so movinge or proposinge the same shall presentlie paye unto every of the said Associats the some of tenne poundes, for the w$^{ch}$ hit shalbe lawfull for every of the said Associats to impleade suche Mayor in the hustinge courte of this Cytie at anye tyme when the same Mayor shalbe owt of his office. A. 231 b.

1581, June 8. *M$^{r}$. Whights Lease.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Whighte, the ordinarie of Barks, shall have a leas of the towre upon Sowthe bridge called Bachelors towre from Mychaelmas next to xlj$^{tie}$ yeares, yeldinge iiij$^{s}$ a yeare rente. And not to enstreighte or make narrowe the waye theare; w$^{th}$ a covenante to repayre the same frome the foundacion theareof unto the toppe, and a proviso that he shall buylde theareuppon and cover the same sufficiently w$^{th}$ slatt, w$^{th}$in three of the firste yeares of the terme aforesaid. A. 232.

1581, June 12. *For kepinge of the Treasure, Money and Specialties.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that the treasure of this Cytie, as well plate pawned as also money and specialties, shall w$^{th}$all convenient speede be brought in and be layed in the cheste nowe newlie provided in the rome under the Counsayle howsse, and so from thence fourthe presentlie shalbe done uppon everie accompte, and that the nowe Keykepers and suche others as shalbe chozen by the Counsayle of this Cytie shall not be chardged yf any thinge from thence happen to be stollen or taken awaye by breakinge the said howsse or otherwyse, if they safelie kepe the keys, and leave not

the cheste unlocked; neyther shall any money be lent or layed forthe owt of the cheste w^th^owte consent of the whole Counsayle of this Cytie, or more parte thereof, first hade and obteyned. A. 232 b.

1581, Aug. 1. *M^r^. Alderman Noble's Leasses.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that M^r^. Alderman Noble shall have a newe lease of his howsse, being two tenements called the Swynestocke, from Mychaelmas nexte, for tearme of three score yeares, payinge foure pounds yearlie rent, w^th^ a clause of re-entrie for none payment of the rente after a moneth, and also a re-entrye for not doinge reparacions w^th^in syxe monethes warnynge. A. 233.

1581, Sept. 1. *Edmund Barton committed to Bocardo.*

M^d^ that the first of September, 1581, Edmund Barton, of the Citie of Oxon, glover, was commytted by John Hartley, Maior of the said Citie, to the Bocardo, theare to remayne untill by the said Maior he shalbe delyvered. The cause was for evell speeches used against M^r^. Tilliard, then Bayliffe of Oxford, at Uxbridg, the xxiiij of August last, as calling hym knave and otherwise abusing hym, and for speakinge agaynst the magistrates of the said Cite for their governement, and thear remayned in prison untill the fourth of Septemb. followinge, at w^ch^ tyme he made request unto the Maior and justices in writinge for his delyverie; and being called at the office he sayd he was sorrye that he had offendyd M^r^. Mayor and thaldermen, but as for M^r^. Tylliard being Baylie, he sayd if he had offendyd hym then he was not sorrye, and thearfore he was commytted agayn; but afterwards he asked M^r^. Baylie fforgevenesse, and toke hym by the hand, and promysed frendshippe one to thother. A. 356.

1581, Sept. 4. *Undecent Woords spoken by Rych. Lloyd.*

M^d^ that att this Counsell M^r^. Baylie Almont proved theise words agaynst Rychard Lloyde face to face, that he said that it wolde never be well in Oxforde untill they weare altogether by the eares; and being said, M^r^. Alderman Noble that those words might haplie have coste xx^tie^ mens lyves. Marie, said Lloyde, yf hit hadd bene so, they hadd bene well bestowed. But uppon theise words he made his humble submission, and was remytted askinge pardon farther. A. 234 b.

1581, Sept. 15. *A Silver Salte geven by M^r^. Alder. Tylcock.*

At this Counsell M^ris^. Alderwoman Tylcock sent in to the use of this Cytie a sylver salte, doble gilte, wayenge xxviij^tie^ ounces, geven

unto this Cytie by Mr. Alderman Tylcock in his last will and testament; and hit was receaved at the hands of Mr. Steven Ewen, and delivered unto Mr. John Harteley, nowe Mayor. A. 234 b.

*Mr. Frere nott to weare Scarlett.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that Mr. William Frere shalbe from hencefourthe dispensed wthall for wearinge of a scarlett gowne, and that he shall not be chozen to any office of Mayor or Alderman wthin this Cytie untill he shal willinglie consent to take the same uppon hym, and this graunt to be under the seale of this Cytie. A. 234 b.

*Benefactors to the City of Oxford.*

Accordynge to an auncient custome and laudable use of this Cytie of Oxford used this daye, ye shall geve prayse to Almyghtie God for certen benefactors of this Cytie nowe departed owt of this lyffe, to His marcye also pray unto God for the good estate of some lyvinge, namelie:

For John Berforde, Mayer in the tyme of the conflicte, who gave one tenement to the bodye of this Cytie lieng in St. Mychaells paryshe at the northe gate.

Item, for John Hicks, Alderman, who gave to this Cytie one other tenement lieng in the paryshe of St. Martyne.

Item, for Margarett Northerne, William Northerne her husbande, and Symon her father, who weare benefactors of this Cytie.

Item, you shall geve prayse to God for William Offorde, sometyme Alderman of this Cytie, who gave to this Cytie two tenements over agaynst Elme Hall.

Item, for Robert Freman, sometyme Burges of this Cytie, who gave one howse in Graunpont, in the countie of Berks, uppon Denchworthe bowe.

Item, for John Baylie, whoe gave unto this Cytie the some of fortie shillings.

Item, for Thomas Baylie, sometyme Mayor of this Cytie, who gave unto this Cytie a scarlett clocke precii v marks, and iijli for reparacions of Oxford bridge.

Item, for William Brampton, Mayor, sometyme of this Cytie, who gave C marks towardes the disburdening of the ffee farme.

Item, for William Herberfielde and Sicilie his wieffe, who gave xijli to the use of dame Margarett Northerne.

Item, for John Dolle and Thomas Barton, who gave a silver mace for the Bayliffs Serjaunte.

Item, for John Warryn and Agnes his wieffe, who gave vj$^{li}$ xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$.

Item, for John Ludlowe, some tyme the Mayo$^{r}$s Serjaunte, and Alice his wieffe, who gave to this Cytie the Pye bakers place.

Item, for Roger Spendinge and Emmote his wieffe, who gave iiij$^{li}$ to the use of dame Margarett Northerne, and x$^{s}$ to the reparacions of the hall.

Item, for John Clarke, who was seven tymes Mayor of this Cytie, and Margerye his wieffe, who gave to thuse of dame Margarett Northerne iij$^{li}$ in money.

Item, for Michaell Heathe, late Mayor of this Cytie, who gave to the use of this Cytie vij$^{li}$ in money.

Item, for John Austen, late Mayor of this Cytie, who gave to the use of Dame Margarett Northren xl$^{s}$.

Item, for John Edgecombe, gent., who gave to thuse of this Cytie one annytie of v$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ for ever.

Item, for Richard Gunton, late Mayor, who gave unto the use of this Cytie one garden grounde lieng and adjoyninge to the towne howse in Catestreate, and xl$^{s}$ in reddye money.

For M$^{r}$. John Massey, who gave to thuse of dame Margarett Northen x$^{li}$.

Item, for M$^{r}$. Raphe Flaxney, late Alderman of this Cytie, who gave unto this Citie a scarlett cloak.

Item, for M$^{r}$. Richard Williams, late Alderman, who gave unto dame Margarett Northens coffer xx$^{tie}$ poundes, and unto the bodie of this Citie two tankerd cuppes of silver and parcell gilt, and a dozen of apostle spones of silver.

Item, for M$^{r}$. Thomas Williams, late Alderman, who gave unto this Citie a paule or buring clothe of velvytt.

Item, for M$^{r}$. Androwe Burnett, who gave unto dame Margaret Northerns chest xl$^{s}$.

Item, for M$^{r}$. Alderman Tylcock, whoe gave unto the use of this Cytie one sylver saulte duble gylt, wayinge xxviij$^{te}$ ounzes.

1580-81. *Hanasters admitted in the time of John Harteley, Mayor; William Tyllyard and Thomas Almont, Bailiffs; Randal Potter and Andrew Stokes, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1580, *to the same feast,* 1581.

Thomas Dey, late app. of William Fearnesyde, shomaker.

Jerome Grene, late app. of Richard Bryan, brewer.

Thomas Rudde, admitted at the request of Robert Atkynson, Esq., Recorder.

Francis Syxe, appoticary, by purchase.

William Skelton, Mayor of New Woodstock.
Owen Jones, taylor.
Edward Buckley.
William Hutchyns, clothier.
Ralph, third son of James Clark.
Gregory Hopkins, taylor.
Arthur Nicolls, late app. of Robert Allen, cutler.
Thomas Harteley, late app. of William Jackson, fuller.
Reynold Savige, late app. of Robert Andros, glover.
John Ruckley, currier.
Jenken Appowell, glover.
Hugh Davys, vitayler.
Edmund Holbroke, by purchase.
Arthur Price, taylor, by purchase.
Nicholas Cooke, furrier.
Francis Rowden, late app. of Thomas Warren.
Richard Fearnsyde, son and app. of William Fearnsyde, showmaker.
Richard Filbe, late app. of Thomas Almon, taylor.

p. 12 b.

1580-1. *The Accounts of Randall Potter and Andrew Stokes, late Chamberlains; ending Mich.* 1581.

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| Inprimis, for a proclamacion agaynst the famylie of love . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a proclamacion agaynst the Jesuyts . . | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |
| Item, payed to the Quenes Bearewarde . . . | vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ |
| Item, for a locke and mending of the cage . . . | xx$^{d}$ |
| Item, to the musytions . . . . . | v$^{s}$ |
| Item, for a proclamacion for the prorogyne of the Parliament | iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ |

1581, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, William Noble.

*Bailiffs*, { James Robynson, John Williams.
*Chamberlains*, { John Brushe, Thomas Cossam.

*Common Council.*
Mathewe Harryson.
Philip Coles.
Humphrey Harbridge.

A. 236.

1581, Oct. 6. *Plate brought in to the use of this Cytie.*

At this Counsell M$^{r}$. Alderman Harteley, late Mayor, brought in a dozen of sylver spones, two tankerds silver parcell gylte, latelie geven to thys Cytie by M$^{r}$. Rychard Williams; and one saulte of sylver, dubble gylte, geven to this Cytie by M$^{r}$. Alderman Tylcocke, w$^{ch}$ was delivered to the Key Kepers of this Cytie. A. 238.

1581, Oct. 6. *George Filbe and John Comber dischardged frome comynge to the Counsell.*

At this Counsell hit ys agreed that George Philbe and John Comber shalbe dischardged frome henceforthe frome beinge or comynge

to the Counsell of this Cytie, untill suche tyme as they conforme themselves and come to the churche, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of this realme. A. 238.

1581, Dec. 23. *Lending of Sir Christopher Brome lxxx^li.*

At this Counsell, by the assent of the whole Counsell, hit was graunted S^r Christofer Brome, Knight, to have lent him by this Cytie the some of fower score pounds, untill three weeks after the feast of thanuncyacion of our Ladye next, uppon a cheyne of golde pawned for the same; and M^r. Mayor, Mr. Alderman Levinz, and M^r. Alderman Harteley, have taken uppon them that uppon deliverie of that pawne unto them, they will thene paye the same money agayne, if S^r Christofer happen not to feche the said pawne. A. 238 b.

M^d that this money was repayd and the same chayn redelivered to M^r. Fenne the xxv^th of Aprill, 1582.

15$\frac{81}{82}$, Jan. 15. *Popes Lease.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that Pope, of Hincksey, shall have a lease for xxxj^tie yeares, frome Thannuncyacion of the Virgin Marie next, of the locke above Botley Mylls and the water and fishinge of the Shearelake frome the said locke, untill the enteringe into the greate streame leadinge to Hyncksey, for x^s rent. And that he shall make the locke so that the Mayor and Citizens shall and maye have passage w^th bote when they ryde or goe theire ffraunches, and to fynde a bote at the same rydinge, and also shall bende uppe the water sufficient for Botley mylls. A. 239.

15$\frac{81}{82}$, Jan. 15. *M^r. Shepreves Lease.*

[Lease granted of a parcell of grounde called Swanes nest, for xxxj^tie years, to M^r. Shepreve.] A. 239.

15$\frac{81}{82}$, Jan. 24. *George Ladyman's Lease.*

[George Ladyman, bocher, to have a lease of a peece of grounde now inclosed, beinge parcell of Newe markett.] A. 239 b.

15$\frac{81}{82}$, Jan. 24. *Raphe Clarks submission.*

At this Counsell Raphe Clarke, capper, who before uppon his lewde behaviour was discharged of his freedome, came agayne, and made his humble submyssion unto this howsse as followeth.

I, Raphe Clarke, do heare openlie unto this wurshipfull howsse

and companye acknowledge and confesse that I have verie lewdlie behaved my selfe towards your worshippes, and towards the whole bodye of this Cytie, wheareby you have ben justlie offended, in that I so fondlie byndinge my selfe an apprentice secretlie to one William Shatswell, in London, and notwthstandinge prayed my freedom wthin this Cytie, and by your greate favoures and curteosies obteynynge the same. Afterwards solde the goods of the said Shatswell wthin this Cytie, and justified them as myne owne, contrarie to myne othe unto this Cytie uppon myne admission before taken, and contrarie to the dutie of an honest man, for the which I am most hartelie sorye, bothe for myselfe and for myne example; purposinge by God's grace never to do so heynouse offence heareafter, but hopinge rather wth goode behavioure to rase owt of memorie this my present discredite. And thearefore I unfaynedlie crave pardon and forgevenes of you all, and hartelie praye and beseeche your worshippes to remytt thoffence past, and to restore me agayne unto the ffredome of this Cytie, wch by myne owne ffollie I have justlie lost.

And theareuppon was restored agayne to his freedome, and newlie admitted and sworne, and payed iiijs vjd for the officers fees.

A. 239 b.

15$\frac{8}{9}$, March 8. *For commyng to Sermons.*

Hit ys agreed and ordered at this Counsell that an order sett downe for not comynge to sermons shall frome hencefourthe stande and remayne in force as heare followeth, videlicet, ffor that the ordinari and usuall commynge to sermons of all estates and degrees wthin this Cytie shalbe a goode meane and occasion not onlie for everie Christian to understande and learne theire duties towards God and obeydience to all lawfull magistrates and superiors, but also to avoyde and shake of the reprehention and discredyte wch justlie for absence other wise may be layed unto our chardge and imputed unto our unwillingnesse, as by the continuall complaynte of the prechers reprehendinge oure not commynge, and the smale nombre accompanynge the Mayor and Aldermene to the churche at sermon tymes most evidentlie hither unto hathe appeared.

Hit ys thearefore agreed, ordered and decreed by thassent and consent of the whole Counsell presentlie assembled, that frome hencfourth on everie Soundaye and hollydaye in the yeare, the fower Aldermen, the rest of the thirtene, the Bayliffs and Chamberlens, as well for the yeare as others having borne thoffice before, the Common Counsell and all other freemen of this Cytie, shall at the tyme of ringinge of the bell for the sermon come together to the pennylesse benche or

theareabouts, and staye theare untill the commynge of the Mayor or his deputie, and shall theare from thence, everie man in his degree and callinge, orderlie apparreled, go and accompanye the Mayor of the said Cytie to the sermon at St. Maries churche, Christchurche, Carfoxe, or any other place wthin the Cytie or suburbes, where the Mayor shall then go, uppon payne that everie one havinge no reasonable and lawfull lett and excuse of his absence, and to be allowed by the Mayor or Alderman of the warde, to forfayte and paye for his absence of everie suche daye frome sermon and not accompanynge of the Mayor unto the same as aforesaid, as followeth, videlicet, everie Alderman, and the rest of the thirtene ijs vjd; everie one that hath bene Bayliffe and the Bayliffs for the yeare xxd; everie one that hath bene Chamberlen and the Chambrelyns for the yeare xvjd; everie one of the Common Counsayle xijd; everie Commoner viijd. The one halfe of all the said forfaytures to be unto the use of dame Margaret Northens chest, one thirde parte to the poore mens boxe wthin the parishe wheare suche as make default shall then dwell, and the fourthe parte to any officer that shall prsent the offenders or theire names unto the Mayor of this Cytie for the tyme then beinge. And that all officers shall likwise geve theire attendance, and goo orderlie in theire places wth the said Mayor and the rest, as hearetofore hathe bene accustomed, uppon payne that the Towne Clarke for his default shall forfayte for everie dayes absence not otherwise lett or hyndered xxd; everie of the Bayliffs sergeants xvjd; the Mayors sergeant and the cryer xijd; wch forfaytures shalbe divided and imployed as aforesaid. This order and decree to be dulie observed and kepte frome and after the daye of the makinge heareof for all sermons in the Lent tyme bothe in the forenone and afternoone, and owt of Lent for sermons in the forenone onlie. A. 240.

*For Standing of Butchars and Fyshers.*

Hit is likewise ordered that if any bocher havinge a shoppe in the bocherrowe, or any fisher that occupieth any standinge or shoppe by the Yeld haule or theareabouts, shall heareafter geve over his or her occupienge or not use theyre said shoppes or standings by the space of one moneth together. That then the next bocher in senioritie shall enter into and enioye that shoppe so geven over. And the next fisher in senioritie into that standinge so geven over or lefte, and enioye the same. And further that no fisher shall sell no fishe at any of the said standings uppon the Soundaye or hollidaye, but onlie at theire dores. And that owt of service tyme accordinge as hearetofore hathe bene agreed. A. 240 b.

*For Scowring of the Ryver betwene the Fryers.*

Hit is also agreed that the ryver betwene the two Fryers leadinge to Trill Myll bowe shalbe sufficient scowered and clensed by the owners of the grounde on bothe sydes so farre as theire grounde goeth betwyxte this and Allhollantyde next, upon payne of forfayture of everie one that maketh defaulte v$^{li}$ to the use of the bodye of this Cytie. A. 241.

1 5$\frac{8}{8}\frac{1}{2}$, March 24. *The Election Dynner to cease.*

Hit ys further agreed at this Counsell that from hencforth the elleccion dynner usuallie kepte at the chardge of this Cytie shall cease and not be kept. And that tenne pounds yearelie in lieu of the said dynner shalbe disbursed by the Cytie towards the reparacion and makinge of the walls of this Cytie; and that also the Bayliffs bankett shall cease, they from hencefourth payinge yearelie fyve pounds a peece. And gevinge to the Mayor at his commynge whome onlie a gallone of wyne, a dyshe of peares; and makinge the drinkinge and gevinge ashen cuppes to the higher hall as hearetofore hathe bene accustomed, w$^{ch}$ tenne pounds likewyse to be payed by the Bayliffs shalbe imployed also towards the reparacion of the Towne walls. A. 241.

*The old and new Mayor to make a Dynner.*

Hit is moreover agreed at this Counsell that uppon the eleccion daye the olde Mayor shall yearelie take whome the newe Mayor elected w$^{th}$ him to dynner, together w$^{th}$ the Aldermen and the rest of the thirtene, the Bayliffs and Chamberlens for that yeare, and suche others as shall please hym to call at his onlie chardges. And that the newe Mayor, after his commynge whome from takinge his othe, shall make a dynner to the Aldermen and the thirtene, the Bayliffs and Chamberlens for the yeare, at his onlie chardges; and be acquyted of his dynner usuallie made to the Commons. And the Mayor shall have for his allowaunce the somme of xxj$^{li}$ yearelie as hearetofore hath bene payed. A. 241 b.

1582, April 27. *To have the Confirmacion of the Universite Charters under the Brode Seale.*

Hyt ys agreed at this Counsell that the confirmacion by acte of parliament of the Universitie charters in the xiiij$^{th}$ yeare of the raigne of the Quenes Ma$^{tie}$ that nowe ys shalbe sued forth and gotten exemplified under the brode seale of Ingland at the charges of this Cytie. A. 241 b.

1582, June 15. *Actes and Ordinaunces agreed uppon by thassent of the Common Counsayle of the Citie of Oxon, the xv^th^ day of June, in the ffower and twenty^th^ yeare of the raigne of oure Soveraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth.*

Inprimis, that all poore people and others w^ch^ have repaired unto the said Citie at any tyme or tymes w^th^in theise three yeares last past, not beinge of some occupation, nor havinge maintenaunce, nor otherwise of sufficient habilitie (to be adjudged by the Maior for the tyme beinge, and his bretherne) to gett their lyvinge by lawfull trade, shall accordinge to the Statutes in such case provided be spedelie sent to the places frome whence they came. And no more to retorne to this Citie or liberties thereof for their abode uppon payn to be punyshed as in the same Statutes is provided.

Item, that from and after the feast of thannunciacion of the Virgyn Marie next insuynge, all and everie such person and persons as have receaved any cooples undertenant or undertenants commonly called inmakes, or any others into their dwellinge howse or howsses w^th^in the said Citie or liberties theareof, shall avoyd and amove the same, except such as shalbe allowed by the Maior and Aldermen of the wards whear any such shalbee, uppon payne and forfayture of tenne shillings for everie monethe, to be payd by the landlords, and letters of the same howsse and howsses or receavers into the same after the said feast whear any such shalbe founde. And that the persons so receaved shalbe punyshed by imprisonment of their bodies, or otherwise at the discretion of the Maior and Aldermen.

Item, that no person or persons shall cast or lay any donge, dust, ordure, rubbysh, carreine, or any other thinge noyant into any the waters, ryvers, or streames w^th^in this Citie or liberties thearof, uppon payne of forfeyture of tenne shillings for everie tyme.

Item, that no person or persons shall cast or laye any donge, dust, ordure, rubbyshe, carreyne in any the streets, wayes, or lanes w^th^in the said Citie uppon payn of forfeyture of xij^d^ for everie tyme.

Item, that no person, or persons, or their children or servants, after a great rayn fallyth or at any other tyme, shall swepe any donge, rubbyshe, or other thinge noyant downe into the channell of the streete, wharby the common course theare shall or may be lett. But everie person shall swepe together and take uppe the said things noyant owt of the said channell so farre as their grounde reachyth, and cause the same to be carryed away twyce everie weeke uppon payne of forfeyture for every defalt xij^d^.

Item, that all privies and hogsties sett or made over, uppon, or

adioyninge to any the waters or streames leadinge to any brewhowsse, w$^{th}$in this Citie or liberties thearof, shalbe removed and taken away, and none to be buylt or sett uppe hereafter contrarie to the true meaninge of this acte, uppon payne of forfayture of ffortie shillings, to be payd by everie person that shall not remove any such his privie or hogstie all readie sett uppe before the feast of S$^{t}$. Michaell tharchaungell next insuyinge, and uppon lyke payn for any such to be buylt hereafter.

Item, that no person or persons shall norishe or kepe any hogges or swyne w$^{th}$in the said Citie, but onlie w$^{th}$in their owne severall backsydes, uppon payn to forfeyte for everie tyme that any their hogges or swyne shall come abrode in the open stretes or lanes w$^{th}$in this Citie, xij$^{d}$ for everie hogge.

Item, that no chaundeler shall have or kepe any meltinge howsse, or trie or melt any tallowe w$^{th}$in the walles of the said Citie, after the feast of S$^{t}$. Michaell tharchaungell next insuynge, uppon payn to forfayt for everie time xl$^{s}$.

Item, that no bocher shall have or kepe any slaughter howsse, or kyll any oxen, kyne, shepe, or calfes w$^{th}$in the walles of this Citie after the feast of S$^{t}$. Michaell tharchaungell next insuynge, uppon payn of forfayture for every tyme xl$^{s}$.

Item, that no person or persons shall incroche, take in, or kepe any the grounds of this Citie, as in pales, walles, porches, staules, stoupes, grices, or dores of sellors, w$^{th}$owt licence of the said Citie. Nor shall sett any porche, pentyce, or jettye under the height of nyne fote, so that men rydinge or carts that goe may not be hyndered. And all annoyaunces and encrochements alreadye made or done (other then such as shall be compounded for) shalbe removed and taken away before the feaste of All Saints next insuynge uppon payn of forfeyture for everie incrochement or annoyaunce nowe made and not removed by the said feast for everie moneth the same shalbe so kept sixe shillings eight pence. And for everie such incrochment or annoyaunce hereafter to be sett uppe or done w$^{th}$owt licence ffortie shillings, and the same to be presentlie removed notw$^{th}$standinge.

Item, that all pavements w$^{th}$in this Citie shalbe made and amendyd in places defectyve, at the charges of such as ought to do the same, before the feast of All Saints next insuynge. And that no person or persons shall make their pavements higher then an other, but that hit may have a reasonable currant, to be vewed and allowed by the Maior and Aldermen of the warde whear any such shalbe. And such as be either to lowe or to highe shalbe amendyd before the said feast of All Saincts, uppon payn of forfayture for everie moneth after that the same shalbe lefte undone, tenne shilings.

Item, that all howsses w^th^in the fower wards of this Citie (covere otherwise then w^th^ tyle, stone, or leade) shalbe covered w^th^ sclat or tyle before the feast of the nativitie of S^t^. John the Baptist, 1583 at the costs of the owners thearof, uppon payn of forfaiture of fyv pounds, and except further tyme shalbe gyven by the Maior an Aldermen of the said Citie for reasonable causes.

Item, that all flewes and chymneys w^th^in the said Citie, made o earth or other matter (except stone or brick), shalbe taken downe a the charges of the owners before the feast of S^t^. Michaell tharch aungell, 1583, uppon payn of forfaiture of x^s^ for everie monethe tha any person shall suffer any such flewe or chymney to stand after th said feast, and none to be buylt hearafter w^th^in the said Citie (but o stone or bryck) uppon payn of forfayture of fyve pounds for ever such offence.

Item, that no person or persons after the feast of S^t^. Michael tharchaungell next ensuynge shall draw any tymbre or block under any cart or otherwise uppon any the pavements in an strete or lane w^th^in the walles of the said Citie, uppon payn o forfayture of fyve shillings for everie such offence.

Item, that all chymneys occupied w^th^ fyre w^th^in the said Citie shall frome henceforthe be swept fower tymes everie yeare at th charges of the owners thearof, uppon payn of forfaiture for everie tyme that anye chymney shall happen to be fired iij^s^ fower pence, to be paid by thowners of the same chymneys so fired.

Item, for that the Queenes Ma^ties^ woods, and other woods and copices neare unto this Citie, are greatlie hurt and damaged by the poore and others caryenge and fetchynge woode in burdens, not onlie by breakinge and pullinge downe the hedges and fences thearof, but also in rendinge, breakinge, and spoylinge of hasells, salleys, and other woods readie for sale, as by late complaynt made unto the Lord Treasurer and others her Ma^ties^ officers havinge to dispose of the said woods hath appeared; and whereas also the said poore people of the said Citie, after any sale or felling of woods neare Oxford, commonlie have used and yet doe privilie imbesell, take, and carry away the same in the nyght tyme, and at other seasons, to the great damage and losse of the owners w^ch^ have dulie paid for the same; and for so much hit is ordered by the right honorable the Lord Treasurer and S^r^ Walter Myldemay, that the poore of the said Citie shall frome henceforth have some three or fower acres of woode at everie sale of the Quenes Ma^ties^ woods neare adjoyning allotted unto them for reasonable money to be payd by the said Citie, and to be made and kept in fagotts and billetts, and to be sold unto the poore thear inhabitinge, as they shall nede the same, for such reasonable price as the same

was first bought (onlie the money payd for the same, and for the fellinge, cuttinge, making, and carriadg thearof to be deducted). Hit is thearfore ordered and decreed, that all and everie person and persons w$^{th}$in the said Citie or liberties thearof, inhabiting w$^{ch}$ at any tyme after the feast of S$^{t}$. Michaell th' archaungell next insuyinge, shall take, fetche, or carry any woode in burdens or otherwise unlawfullie owt or frome any her Ma$^{ties}$ woods or any other woods neare unto this Citie of Oxon., w$^{th}$owt lawfull licence of the owners. That they and everie of them so beinge taken, fetchinge, or carreinge of woode, or uppon due proofe of any suche wood by them fetched or caried, shall for everie offence suffre punyshment by imprisonment or otherwise, at the discretion of the Maior and Aldermen of this Citie, besydes such punishment as shalbe inflicted by thofficers of such woods when any by them shall happen to be taken. A. 247 b.

*For the Proclayminge of certen Orders to be observed.*

Hit ys moreover agreed at this Counsell that certen orders redd in this howsse for the goode governement of the said Cytie shalbe from henceforth observed and be openlie proclaymed. A. 242.

*For the Ryddinge of the Waters.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that the waters and ryvers belonginge to this Cytie shalbe ryde and scowred w$^{th}$ all convenient speede. And that towards the same the Mayor shall fynde at his chardges for one daye, sixe laborers; everie Alderman and the rest of the thirteene, fower; every Bayliffe, iij; everie Chamberlen, two; everye Commyner, one; and suche of the Comyners as be not able to hyer a laborer, to worke themselves; and every one of the Common Counsayle to paye xij$^{d}$. A. 242.

1582, Aug. 14. *The Lendinge of S$^{r}$ Christofer Brome c$^{li}$.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that upon assurerance made by S$^{r}$ Christofer Brome of the one halfe of Broken Haysse and halfe of Candishe unto this Cytie, accordinge to a dede redd in this howsse, he the said S$^{r}$ Christofer shall have lent hym by this Cytie one hundred pounds for a yeare, uppon his obligacion of two hundred pounds for repayment of the same. A. 243.

*M$^{r}$. Shepreves Lease.*

Hit is furthermore agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Shepreves lease of Swanesnest shalbe made uppe ffortie yeares. A. 243.

1582, Sept. 10. *Sir Francis Knolly's Letter to the President of St. John's College, concerning the Opening and Closing of Sluices, to the detriment of the Castell Mylls.*

Aftr my very harty commendations. Where as I am informed of certayne controversies wch hathe happened heretofore betwene the Cytye of Oxford and youe for certayn water cowrses beyng drawne owte of the Hyghe ryver of Thames, from hir Maties myllys into certayn water cowrses abowte your howses, for your comodytye in fysshyng and to feede youre pondes. And beyng also informed that the Commyssyoners of Sewers have sett downe orders that at everye hyghe and ragynge water youre slueses and water cowrses should be drawne and pulled upp for the freer passage of the hyghe or ragyng water, to the benefytt of the comon weale bothe of the Cytye and countrye, in avoydyng of the drownyng of theyr medowes and pastures. And also the sayd Commyssyoners have ordered (as I here) that at everye lowe water your sayd sluses should be close shutte, that the water maye have a ryght cowrse to hir Maties mylles wthin the Cytye aforesayd, called the Castle mylles, whyche do serve bothe the Unyversytye and Cytye, and somtymes the contrye. And I am also informed that yet notwthstandyng the orders of the sayde Commyssyoners (as thoe youe were lawlesse) youe doe in tyme of hyghe waters shutt and stopp upp your slueses and water cowrses, and suffer no water to passe there thoroughe. And that in the tyme of lowe water youe do open your sluses and water cowrses in sotche sorte that there can not be suffycyent water for hir Maties sayde mylles, by meanes whereoff bothe the Unyversytye, Cytye, and contrye do somtymes want suffycyent gryndyng for theyre bread corne: wherfore I do frendly admonyshe and warne youe that yf theise complayntes be trwe, that then youe wolle qwyately and wthowte compulsyon see theym to be amended, for they are not onely unlawfull but untollorable to be sofferd, and I myselfe woll laye the penaltyes and forfaytures hereunto belongyng as heavelye as I can uppon youe, yf the complaynts be trwe, and shall not be amended by youe, for althoe I do honor the Unyversytye in generall, and everye worthye parson thereoff partycularly, yet yf youe or any other wooll presume uppon your prevyleges to offer any sotche intollorable wronges, youe most pardon me althoe I do stand agaynst youe to the uttermost of my power, and youe most not be judges of sotche intollorable wronges: nevertheles whether theise complayntes be trwe or not, I am and wol be readye in all resonable cawses to be a frende to the Unyversytye, and a mediator to cawse the Towne to gyve they in theyre dwe honor, and to avoyde all contentions not onely wth the Uny-

versytye in generall, but also w^th^ every partycular worthye member thereoff.

And thus wysshyng youe as to myselfe, I do take my leave of youe. At Greyes, the 10^th^ of September, 1582.

Your lovyng frend,

F. KNOLLYS.

To the ryght worshypfull and his lovyng frende the President of Saynt Joohnes Colledge in Oxforde gyve theise.

1582, Sept. 20. *For the Repayring of the Schole Howsse.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that the Schole howsse whearein Blithe dwelt shalbe vewed, and seene what reparacions are nedfull to be done uppon the same. And the Bayliffs and Chamberlens for the tyme beinge, together w^th^ M^r^. Tyllyarde and M^r^. Dodwell, takinge to them the advise of some workemen, shall vewe the same, and make relation unto this howsse what the decayes are, and to what chardge thamendement theareof will aryse. A. 243 b.

1581-2. *Hanasters admitted in the time of William Noble, Mayor; James Robynson and John Williams, Bailiffs; John Brushe and Thomas Cossam, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1581, *to the same feast,* 1582.

Kenelm Adamson, taylor, by purchase.
Hugh Ellis, mercer, by purchase.
Richard Plumpton, late app. of James Almont, wollendraper.
Robert Hutchins, late app. of John Welles, and afterwards of Edmund Barton, glover.
William Wright, late app. of William Aldworth, shomaker.
Richard ap Robertes, app. of John Dobson, taylor.
Edward Shawe, late app. of Stephen Lane, glover.
Richard Morgan, taylor.
Christopher Burkett, shomaker.
Thomas Harrys, late app. of Henry Dodwell, woollen draper.
Edward Chiston, late app. of Roger Baker, glover.
John Harris, late app. of William Noble, now Mayor.
John Hancock, late app. of Thomas Lysley, glover.
Thomas Jones, dyer.
Richard Pole, cutler.

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1581-2. *The Accounts of John Brushe and Thomas Cossam, late Chamberlains;* 25 *Eliz.*

Item, payed for the mendinge of the locke to the cage dore vj^d^
Item, payed for makinge cleane of the Quenes armes and the beasts . . . . . ij^s^ vj^d^

1582, Sept. 29. *Officers.*

*Mayor*, Edmund Bennett.

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| *Bailiffs*, | Stephen Lane, Robert Dawson. | *Common Council.* Robert Gosson. Edmund Barton. |
| *Chamberlains*, | John Whyttington, John Dewe. | |

A. 250.

1582, Oct. 5. *Mr. Coxe for Gryndinge from the Castell Mylls.*

At this Counsell Mr. Coxe confessed that he hathe grounde certen corne from the Castell mylls contrarie to the order hearetofore taken, and he is respected unto the next Counsayle, to shewe cause whye he shoulde not paye xli forfayted unto this Cytie by the said order.

A. 252.

*For settinge a Howsse at Portmeade Gate, with the Collection for the same.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that theare shalbe buylte a gate howsse, wth romes for a hearde to dwell in, over Port Meade gate, and that Mr. Alderman Levinz, Mr. Alderman Noble, Mr. Furnesse, and Mr. Rowe, shalbe overseers of the same worke, to be begone at the next springe; to the charge wheareof collection shalbe made of everie estate wthin this Cytie accordinge as is heareafter sett downe, and the rest to be supplied at the charges of this Cytie. And the Chamberlens for the yeare shall gather the same money so to be collected.

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| Mr. Mayor, in money | xs |
| Mr. Alderman Levinz vjs viijd, or a lode of slatt. | |
| Mr. Alderman Harteley, one hundred of bords. | |
| Mr. Alderman Noble | vs |
| Mr. Alderman Hewett | . . . |
| Mr. Cogan | iijs iiijd |
| Mr. Freer, a dozen lode of stone. | |
| Mr. Barkesdale | iijs iiijd |
| Mr. Smythe, a lode of tymber. | |
| Mr. Furnes | iijs iiijd |
| Mr. James Almont | iijs iiijd |
| Mr. Massey | iijs iiijd |
| Mr. Rowe | iijs iiijd |
| Mr. Lane | ijs vjd |
| Mr. Dawson | ijs vjd |

Everie of the rest of the Bayliffs, ij$^{s}$ a peece.
Everie Chamberlen, xviij$^{d}$ a peece.
Everie of the Common Counsell, xij$^{d}$ a pece.
Everie commoner, viij$^{d}$ a pece. A. 252.

1582, Oct. 8. *Letter to the L$^{d}$ Mayor of London on account of the Sickness, to restrain Citizens infected from attending Frideswides Fair.*

After our humble comendacions unto your good L$^{p}$. And for somuche we are shortly to hold our faire in Oxon., called Frideswide Faire, whereunto diverse of the Citie of London, with their wares and merchaundizes, doe use to repaire, may it please yo$^{r}$ good L$^{p}$, in consideration the sicknesse within the Citie of London at this present is so greatly dispersed (w$^{ch}$ we praye God to mittegate and asswage), by your L$^{ps}$ commaundement to restraine all such your citizens from coming to the said faire of whoes howses and families ther is any manifest token of that infection. And that such as minde to come, being with their houses and families void of that disease, may bring testimoniall thereof from your good L$^{p}$, so muche the rather for that we are commaunded by some of her Ma$^{ts}$ most honorable Privie Counsell not to permitt any coming from the Citie of London to stand in the said faire, or to put any merchaundise there to sale, but onely such as shall bring good certificate from your L$^{p}$ as aforesaid, whereof we praye your L$^{p}$ to have provident care, as in like case we are to have good regard of the health and safetie of your citizens. And so we take o$^{r}$ leaves humbly this viij$^{th}$ of October, 1582.

Your L$^{ps}$ humble,

EDMOND BENNET, Maio$^{r}$. WILLIAM LEVYNS, Ald$^{n}$.
JOHN HARTELY, Ald$^{n}$. WILLIAM NOBLE, Ald$^{n}$.

To the Right Honorable and o$^{r}$ very good
Lord the Lord Maio$^{r}$ of the Citie of
London geve these.

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1582, Oct. 25. *A Pounde for Hogges.*

Hit is also agreed that a pounde for hogges shalbe made at the charges of this Cytie, in suche convenient place as shalbe thought best by M$^{r}$. Mayor and thaldermen. A. 252 b.

*For the Bedells of Beggars.*

Hit is moreover agreed at this Counsell that Hewe Thryfte and Morryes, nowe chozen Bedells for this Cytie, shall continue in that office untill Michaelmas next, and that they shall have all forfaytures of hogges taken in the streets; and the Chamberlens shall buye them frise jerkyns and gaskyns, and Scottyshe cappes partelie colored, and xiij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ in money a peece. A. 253.

1582, Nov. 4. *M$^{r}$. Underhills Lease of the Towre.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Underhill shall have the towre uppon Sowth bridge by lease, frome Michaelmas last, for xlj$^{ti}$ yeares, yeldinge iiij$^{s}$ rent, uppon the same covenants as before was graunted to M$^{r}$. Whight, for that M$^{r}$. Whight hathe released.

A. 253 b.

1582, Dec. 7. *M$^{r}$. Mayor to have the Plate of the Cytie to use.*

Hit is also agreed that M$^{r}$. Mayor shall have the use of the Cyties plate to use, and receave the same of the Key Kepers by waight, and shall redeliver the same unto the Key Kepers agayne at his going forthe of his office. A. 254.

1582, Dec. 12. xx$^{s}$ *Geven to the Haven of Hastinge.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that the Collecter for the haven of Hastinge, in the countie of Sussex, shall have xx$^{s}$ geven him by this Cytie, in consideracion the collection in the parishes was so smale. A. 254 b.

15$\frac{82}{83}$, Jan. 12. *M$^{r}$. Spensers submission.*

At this Counsell M$^{r}$. William Spenser, the Mayors Serieant, dyd submytt himselfe unto M$^{r}$. Mayor for undecent words and behavioure by hym geven unto M$^{r}$. Mayor, acknowledginge his fault, and was sorye for the same. And so the said William was delivered owt of prison. A. 254 b.

15$\frac{82}{83}$, Feb. 13. *Certen appointed to talke w$^{th}$ M$^{r}$. Owen towching Portmeadow.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Towne Clarke, shall and maye talke w$^{th}$ M$^{r}$. Rychard Owen towchinge some order for Porte Meadowe, and to make relation theareof unto this howsse. A. 255.

*Richard Marshe admitted.*

Hit is lastlie agreed at this Counsell that Richard Marshe, late apprentice to Richard Winckley, smythe, shalbe free of this Cytie by reason of his service done unto his M^r^, althoughe his indentures have not byn inrolled, and that the said Winckley, for not inrollinge them, shalbe punyshed at the discretion of M^r^. Mayor. A. 255 b.

1583/84, Feb. 2[73]. *A Stypende to be geven to a Preacher.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that M^r^. Mayor and thaldermen shall talke w^th^ some fytt preacher for the Towne, to preache at Carfoxe, and to have a stipende for his paynes, and to make relation unto this howsse at the next Counsayle, and then to proceed. A. 255 b.

*S^r^ Fraunces Knolls Charges at the Assises* xxj^li^ ix^s^ x^d^.

Hit is also agreed at this Counsell that the somme of xxj^li^ ix^s^ x^d^ shalbe allowed and payed by this Cytie for the charges of S^r^ Fraunces Knolles at this laste assises, and the same money to be taken owt of the Towne chest. A. 255 b.

1583, March 29. *Ursula Almont's retractation.*

M^d^ the xxix^th^ of March, in the fyve and twentyth yeare of the raigne of oure soveraigne ladie Quene Elizabeth, Ursula Almont, wief of James Almont, came before Edmund Bennett, Maior of the Citie of Oxon., in the p^r^sence of the Aldermen and thirteene (except M^r^. Alderman Hewett, M^r^. Furnesse, M^r^. Frere, and M^r^. James Almont beinge then absent), and of Doctor Withington and M^r^. Lee, of Oriel Colledge, at the office, and theare confessed she untrulie and sclanderouslie had spoken certen words against the said M^r^. Bennett, being Mayor, for the w^ch^ she was excommunycate before M^r^. Doctor Lloyd, and for the w^ch^ she then and theare openlie confessed herselfe to be hartelie sory, and desired hym to forgyve her, and promysed never hearafter to misuse hym in word or deede. A. 358 b.

1583, April 8. *Overseers for Woode and Cole for the Poore.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell that M^r^. Hanson and Thomas Hardwaye shall have the sellinge and delivering of woode and cole allreadye provided for the poore, at suche price to be solde by the busshell and by the faggott as the Mayor and Aldermen shall agree

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uppon, non to buye any suche as shalbe allowed in every warde, and to theire owne use. And this woode and cole shalbe for the yeare layed in the inner courts by the Yeld Hall. A. 256.

*For Vewenge of the Ryvers above the Mylls.*

Hit is moreover agreed at this Counsell that Mr. Alderman Noble, Mr. Furnesse, Mr. James Almont, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Webbe, and Mr. Edges, shall vewe the ryvers above the mylls, and certefye this howsse what maye best be done for the incresinge of the waters in the summer tyme, and for the freer passage and lettinge goe of the waters in the wynter, for that the grounds theare abowts are so muche drowned, and this to be certified before Whitsontyde next. A. 256.

1583, May 7. *For the makinge of a Lock.*

Hit is also agreed at this Counsayle, that suche as weare appoynted to vewe the waters at the last Counsell shall cause a locke to be made for the better kepinge of the waters to the mylls, and to amende the bancks by Rewlye, wheare hit shalbe requisite accordinge to theire discretion at the charges of this Cytie. A. 256 b.

1583, June 1. *The receavinge of Noblemen into the Cytie.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsayle, that Mr. Mayor, the Aldermen, the thirtene, and the Bayliffs for the yeare in scarlett, and the rest of the Bayliffs and Chamberlens in decent apparrell, shall mete the noble men uppon Mondaye come senyght at east gate, and present them wth gloves, and otherwise to do concernynge theire receavinge as shalbe thought meete by the discretion of Mr. Mayor and thaldermen. A. 257.

1583, June 20. *Mr. Kytes stable to be hadd for the Judges Horsses.*

Hit ys agreed at this Counsell that Mr. Kyte shall have of this Cytie for the use of his stable on the backsyde of his howsse yearelie frome henceforthe, at the assises to be holden yearelie frome henceforthe, for the Judges horses the somme of xs at everie of the same assises, and the same stable to be plancked and racked at the charges of this Cytie when nede shall require, so that the said Judges horsses be brought thether by the appoyntment of this Cytie. A. 257.

*Those that are appointed to confer wth Christchurche towchinge Portemeadowe.*

Hit is further agreed at this Counsell that Mr. Mayor, Mr. Cogan, Mr. Furnes, Mr. Rowe and the two Bayliffs, shall have speeche wth

the Deane and Cannons of Christchurche towching the disorderinge of puttinge of cattayle in to Porte meade by theire tenants in Bynsey, and to make relation theareof unto this howsse at the next Counsell.

A. 257 b.

*For disorderlie putting of Cattayle in Portmeadowe.*

Hit ys furthermore agreed at this Counsell that yf any freeman of this Cytie shall by fraude or collusion buy any horse or other beast, and putt the same in Porte meade, to the entente to benefytt any fforrener, that then he shall paye for everie suche horse or other beast vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$ to the use of the Bayliffs of thys Cytie for the tyme beinge, the same partie so offendinge beinge justlie founde faultie by examynacion uppon his othe or otherwise. A. 257 b.

1583, July 2. *For serchinge a foundation of the Towne wall at Smythe gate.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Chamberleyns shall cause the foundacion of the Towne wall to be serched by Tolderveys, that hit maye be knowen unto the Warden and Fellowes of Martyn College that they have no right to any howsse or grounde w$^{th}$in the same wall. A. 258.

*Gloves delivered to be kepte.*

At this Counsell was delivered unto M$^{r}$. Baylie Lane and Edmunde Barton iiij payre of gloves of viij$^{li}$, and one payre of a marke, to be safelie kepte or solde to the best advantage and to thuse of this Cytie. A. 258.

1583, Aug. 6. *To talke w$^{th}$ the Deane of Christ Church towchinge the waters.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Mayor, and M$^{r}$. Bayliffs, and suche other as they shall chose unto them, shall talke w$^{th}$ the Deane of Christ Churche and M$^{r}$. Willis for some goode agreement to be hadd towchinge the savinge of the waters to the mylls, and also for somme goode orders to be hadd towchinge Port meadowe.

A. 259.

1583, Aug. 14. *For Carriage at the Highe Bridge.*

Hit is agreed at this Counsell that frome henceforthe everie freeman that shall have any carriage by water to be unloded at Highe Bridge shall paye unto this Cytie for everie bote lode of haye, woode,

stone, slate, or other carriage whatsoever, one halpennye, and everie forriner j$^{d}$, towards the mayntenaunce of the bancks and scowringe of the ryver theare, w$^{eh}$ by suche carriage and unlodinge theare is fflowndered. And that no person shall passe under the said bridge w$^{the}$ any kynde of lodinge, uppon payne of iij$^{s}$ iiij$^{d}$ for everie suche carriage, to be payed by the bringer, and not by the owner of the said carriage. A. 260.

1583, Sept. 9. *Overseers to make a Locke or Were.*

Hit is also agreed at this Counsell that M$^{r}$. Furnesse, M$^{r}$. Massey, and M$^{r}$. Dodwell shalbe overseers, together w$^{th}$ Swythin, to make a locke or weare by Rewlie lock, to bende the water in sommer and to drawe uppe in wynter, at the charges of this Cytye. A. 260 b.

1583, Sept. 18. *An Order betwene M$^{r}$. Mayor, M$^{r}$. Alderman Noble, and M$^{r}$. Frere.*

The said xviij$^{th}$ daye of September, before M$^{r}$. Mayo$^{r}$ and M$^{r}$. Recorder, M$^{r}$. Alderman Noble, and M$^{r}$. Frere, came together in the Counsell howsse, and the said M$^{r}$. Mayor, M$^{r}$. Noble, and M$^{r}$. Frere, accorded theare to remitt everie one to the other all quarrells and controversies betwyxt them for any words spoken or imprisonment suffered before this daye. And furthermore hit is ordered and decreed, that what person, beinge free of this Cytie, soever shall renewe any olde quarrell for any suche words or imprisonment commytted or done before this daye, shall paye unto thuse of this Cytie the somme of v$^{li}$ for everie suche offence; and that no Mayor hereafter shall proposse any thinge to the breache of this acte. A. 260 b.

1583, Sept. 23. *For Confirming the last Acte.*

Hit ys also agreed at this Counsell, by the whole assent of the same Counsell, that the laste acte made before M$^{r}$. Recorder towchinge the renewinge of olde quarrells, shalbe in full force for ever. A. 261.

1582-3. *Hanasters admitted in the time of Edmund Bennett, Mayor; Stephen Lane and Robert Dawson, Bailiffs; John Whyttington and John Dewe, Chamberlains; from Michaelmas,* 1582, *to the same feast,* 1583.

William, son of William Shurley, plummer.

Thomas Lawrence, bruer, late app. of Richard Bryan.

Thomas Hancks, baker, by purchase.

John Canton, late app. of Thomas Staunton and Richard Floyde, taylors.

Richard Marshe, late app. of Richard Wynckley.
Richard Bellingham, gentleman.
John Jones, glover.
John, eldest son of Richard Wynckley, smythe.
John Howse, boteman.
John Merick, sadler.
James Layton, taylor.
Thomas Hallydaye, taylor.
Stephen Fearebeard, late app. of Mary Mathewe, mercer.
Stephen Betheryge, late app. of Edward Opbedward, glover.
William Gybbons, musition.
Thomas Striplinge, brewer.
John Norwood, late app. of Henry Dodwell, woollen draper.
Richard Gomersall.
Nicholas Horseman, brewer.

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1582-3. *The Accounts of John Whittington and John Dewe, Chamberlains; ending Mich.*, 1583.

Item, for the picke of the bedells staffe . . . iij$^{d}$
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Domus Conversorum, or The Old Town Hall.

## ERRATA.

p. 15, line 38, *for* perfacerunt *read* perfecerunt.
p. 67, line 17, *for* malitiam vigilia *read* malitiam. Vigilia.
p. 67, line 20, *for* mora *read* more.
p. 70, line 37, *for* respondesse *read* respondisse.
p. 71, line 30, *for* suis hujusmodi decrevit (*sic* in MS.) *read* suæ hujusmodi decrevimus.
p. 72, line 3, *for* expressa *read* expresse.
p. 212, line 20, *read* John Brokes.
p. 323, line 4, *for* D'nis *read* D'nus.

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